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FAA grant will make Hancock's Stennis 'all weather' airport

BY ED LEPOMA

The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission has been awarded a \$2.5 million federal grant to install an Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Stennis International Airport.

News of the grant began circulating in the local community as early as a week ago when Bill Stovall, the deputy director of the Port and Harbor, addressed the local Rotary luncheon, then Thursday morning when P&H Executive Director Hal Walters made a speech before the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association.

The Port and Harbor held a recess meeting Wednesday, and Stovall broke the good news to P&H commissioners.

"It's great news for Hancock County and for Stennis Airport," Stovall told the Echo. "It means that Stennis is now becoming an all-weather airport, and this will ultimately lead to expanding markets."

Stovall, who oversees the daily operations at Stennis and has been in the forefront of implementing improvements that eventually led to the funding of the ILS, said the Federal Aviation Commission has officially notified the P&H that it will fund 100 percent of the cost of the ILS equipment and install and maintain it.

He credited the successful landing of the FAA grant "to a strong pitch to the FAA made by Mississippi's Congressional delegation, headed by U.S. Sen. Trent Lott."

"Four years ago when we first approached the FAA, we were told the agency was no longer funding the ILS, but was moving to a Global Positioning (Satellite) System (GPS), and that would not be available for funding until the year 2001," said Stovall. He said larger airports, such as those operating at Jackson and the Biloxi-Gulfport Regional Airport, would be given priority in installing the now-favored GPS system.

"The FAA was switching because the GPS does not require the infrastructure improvements and expense required for the ILS," explained Stovall. "But, our reasoning was that



GRANT-PAGE 12A Aerial view of Stennis International Airport

Chamber recognizes students

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce recently recognized five seniors from area high schools as Outstanding Students.

The students received the Hancock Chamber's Outstanding Student Award which recognizes students who exemplify fine character and who have earned the respect of peers and faculty in addition to academic excellence.

The 1999 Hancock Chamber Outstanding Students are: Amy Marie Cuevas, Hancock High School; Gary M. Yarborough, Bay High School; Melissa Kathleen Niolet, Our Lady Academy; Charles Paul Doty, Coast Episcopal High School; and Denny Wun Hang Li, St. Stanislaus.

Memorial Day ceremonies set

Bourgeois-Stieffel-Ray American Legion Post 77, Waveland, will observe Memorial Day with ceremonies at the post home on Coleman Ave. at 11 a.m. Monday, May 31.

Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

The annual Memorial Day service will be held by American Legion Post 139, on Monday, May 31. Members will first assemble at 10 a.m. by the graveside of Clement R. Bontemps. This will be followed by a memorial service to honor all deceased post members at the Post Monument.

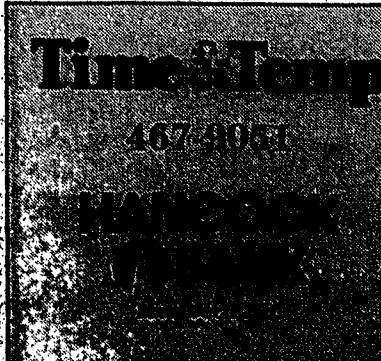
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Tues.	1:20 p.	12:15 a.
Wed.	1:55 p.	12:54 a.
Thur.	2:31 p.	1:34 a.
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Attorney General's office reverses landfill opinion

BY ED LEPOMA

Opponents of a privately-owned proposed landfill in Hancock County won a key victory this week in their attempts to put the controversial question to a vote of the people.

A new ruling by an assistant to state Attorney General Mike Moore reversed an earlier opinion and now asserts that the Hancock County Board of Supervisors can call an election on the landfill.

The ruling was issued by assistant AG Mike Lanford after prodding by state Sen. Scottie Cuevas and others in the local legislative delegation.

Earlier, Gerald Gex, the attorney for the Board of Supervisors, told landfill opponents that he had received an attorney general's opinion last April that ruled the decision on the landfill rests solely in the hands of the six-member Regional Solid Waste Authority. The news that supervisors could not call an election disappointed a group of Hancock County citizens and another group from adjoining Pearl River County that circulated a petition seeking a referendum on the landfill proposed in the buffer zone surrounding the Stennis Space Center.

Chapel Hill purchases land

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Chapel Hill developers have taken title to the nine-acre tract at Bay St. Louis' old town entranceway.

A July 9 ribbon cutting ceremony for the proposed swanky residential community has been tentatively scheduled.

The partially-wooded prop-

erty is the site of a proposed complex of 48 residential properties bounded by North Beach Boulevard, Highway 90 and North Second Street. The waterfront portion of the tract, about 2.5 acres, will remain undeveloped, fenced, beach-

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In the ruling issued May 27 by Lanford he said, although Hancock County has passed a resolution acknowledging that the (Solid Waste) Authority is the responsible agency for implementing and amending the Hancock County Solid Waste Plan, the location of the landfill would still have to be approved by the Board of Supervisors and could be subject to a vote of the people if supervisors decide to put it on a future ballot.

Hancock County Citizens for Responsible Dumping and the Picayune-based Mississippians Against Dumping have obtained 5,790 signatures of registered voters in Hancock County, more than was needed to put the question on a future ballot.

Mary Sindors of Waveland, who headed the Hancock County opposition, said she was happy with the latest attorney general's opinion, although she had not read it yet.

She said her group planned to "negotiate" with supervisors on when the controversial issue can be put on a ballot.

Sindors said she did not think it was too late to put the question on the ballot for Repu-

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S.W.A.T. Team drill

Volunteers from the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, and the Bay, Waveland and Long Beach police departments staged a mock hostage situation at Hancock High School on Thursday. See story and more pictures on page 1B. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

P&H's Stovall to resign soon

BY ED LEPOMA

Bill Stovall has resigned his post as Deputy Director of the Port and Harbor Commission, effective July 7.

Stovall confirmed his pending resignation to the Echo this week shortly after announcing he has accomplished the goal

that brought him to Hancock County. At a recess meeting of the P&H Commission Thursday, Stovall announced that the Federal Aviation Administration will provide \$2.5 million to install an Instrument Landing

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P&Z says sign must come down

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Bay St. Louis City officials said Wednesday a local merchant's \$5,000 sign should come down, despite its apparent success as an eye-catcher. Meanwhile, the commission endorsed site plans for a \$1 million Union Planters Bank building on Highway 90.

In a 5-0 vote, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended against a variance

sought by 1st Choice Home Furnishings, a new business in the small shopping center at Highway 90 and Dunbar Street.

Meanwhile, commission members said there's apparent confusion over what the city's sign ordinance actually allows, and what the building department is enforcing.

Mike Kimball told the commission he recently opened the furniture store after obtaining

what he thought were all the required permits from the city.

"We made a mistake. We didn't realize that there was a sign ordinance here locally. Our intentions were good. We didn't intend to sidestep anything."

Still, the sign's square footage is way beyond what the city code allows. How much beyond the code is a matter of debate.

Building Official Bill Carriage had stated in a letter to the

commission that the city's sign ordinance allows a sign's square footage to be one and a half times the linear dimension of a building facade. With a 60-foot facade, Carriage said, the 1st Choice sign could be 90 square feet. It's 600 square feet.

But commission members said Wednesday the ordinance permits only a "one percent" calculation, or 60-square feet in the case of 1st Choice.

Carriage was out-of-town and not available for comment on Wednesday, but a staff member said there's an apparent typographical error that's confusing the matter.

The sign ordinance which was adopted by City Council in March 1994 states that the total surface area of an attached sign shall not exceed,

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OBITUARIES

LUVENIA CUEVAS
EIDO H. DEPREO
PATSY A. HERTZOG
NICKOLAS LADNER
VERNON L. LADNER
ROSEMARY F. MALANDRA
JOHN MCKEITHEN
NANCY SAVOIE
MARY SCHAAL

LUVENIA CUEVAS
 Luvenia Dedeaux Cuevas, 85, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, May 25, 1999, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Cuevas was a lifelong resident of the Gulf Coast. She was a graduate of Dedeaux High School, attended Pearl River Community College and retired as a seamstress with Pass Christian Industries.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Joseph Cuevas; and five grandchildren.

Survivors include four sons, Ray P. Cuevas of Pass Christian, Gayle L. Cuevas and Murray R. Cuevas, both of Long Beach, and Curtis "Danny" Cuevas of Gulfport; two daughters, June E. Oberg and Carol A. Erwin, both of Long Beach; a brother, Clifton Dedeaux of Saucier; a sister, Laura Cuevas of Long Beach; 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Thursday at Riemann Funeral Home in Long Beach with burial in Allen Cemetery in Long Beach.

EIDO H. DEPREO
 Eido H. Depreo, 74, of Pass Christian, died Thursday, May 27, 1999, in Gulfport.

Mr. Depreo was a native and lifelong resident of Hancock County. He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian. He retired in 1987 from the scales division of the State Tax Commission. He was a 4th degree Knights of Columbus and a Navy veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ferdinand and Mary Almerna Necaise Depreo; and two sisters, Aline Ladner and Mildred Bobinger.

Survivors include three sons, Sonny Depreo of Mandeville, La., David Depreo of Diamondhead, and Chuck Depreo of North Biloxi; a daughter, Mary Ann Patton of Long Beach; a brother, Elus Depreo; and 10 grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services were conducted Saturday at Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln. Burial was in Bayou Coco Cemetery in Kiln.

PATSY M. HERTZOG

Mrs. Patsy Ann Hertzog, 63, of Bay St. Louis, MS, died Friday, May 28, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Hertzog was of the Presbyterian faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Malcolm R. and Edmonia Lofton Gibson.

Survivors include her husband, Jewel Hertzog of Bay St. Louis; two sons, Dennis Mayo of Lizana and Michael Mayo of Bay St. Louis; two daughters, Patricia Duncan of Perkinson and Cheryl Walley of Pass Christian; one step-son, David Hertzog of Bay St. Louis; two step-daughters, Lisa Williams of Carsicana, TX and Angela Hinchliffe of Dallas, TX; one brother, Malcolm Gibson of Long Beach, MS; four sisters, Jean Fulgum and Rita Ray, both of Long Beach, Sue Page of

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Kiln, and Rhonda Boyd of Baltimore, MD; 13 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; numerous step grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be from 3 to 4 p.m. on Monday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A funeral service will be held in Riemann's Funeral Home Chapel at 4 p.m. Monday followed by burial in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens in Gulfport.

Riemann Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

NICKOLAS LADNER

Nickolas "PoJo" Ladner, 11, died Wednesday, May 26, 1999, in Lizana.

PoJo was a native of Gulfport and attended Lizana Elementary School. He played baseball for Lizana and was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Lizana.

Survivors include his mother, Terrie Ladner of Saucier; his father, Pruet Ladner of Lizana; a sister, Roxanne Nichole Ladner of Lizana; and his grandparents, Barbara Elaine Lawton and Clayton Lawton of Pass Christian, Bernie Ladner of Lizana and Kathleen Slade of Purvis.

Visitation was Friday evening at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport. Services were conducted Saturday at the funeral home chapel with burial in Wolf River Cemetery in Harrison County.

VERNON L. LADNER

Vernon LeVeri Ladner, 72, a resident of Waveland, MS, native of Bayou LaCroix Community, died Friday, May 28, 1999 in Slidell, LA.

Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

ROSEMARY F. MALANDRA
 Rosemary Flynn Malandra, 86, of Waveland, died Tuesday, May 25, 1999, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Malandra was a native of New Orleans and a longtime resident of Waveland. She was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland and a life member of the Bay-Waveland Humane Society. She was a past member of the Hancock Women's Club and the Hancock County Republican Women's Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Andrew and Celestine LeMontey Flynn;

Handicapped Arts Fair set June 1-3

The Mississippi Arts Fair for the handicapped (MAFH), co-hosted by the City of Biloxi and the South Mississippi Regional Center, Long Beach, will be held Tuesday through Thursday, June 1-3 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center in Biloxi.

Over 1,300 persons will celebrate this year's Mississippi Arts Fair - Vive Le Fun theme.

Participants with developmental disabilities throughout

Grazing Field Day set Thurs.

A Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative Field Day will be held Thursday, June 3, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Karen Hooper Farm, Pearl River County, 309 Old Ness Plantation Rd., Carriere, Miss.

Speakers are from the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service, University of Southwestern Louisiana and Picayune Veterinary Clinic.

There will be a complimentary lunch.

Directions: From Poplarville, take Highway 26 West 15 miles; turn left on Highway 43 South; go 4 miles and take a left on Oscar Smith Rd. Go 2 miles and turn left on Old Ness Plantation Rd. Follow signs to farm.

and a brother, John Andrew Flynn.

Survivors include her husband, Emile Joseph Malandra.

A memorial service was conducted Friday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to the Bay-Waveland Humane Society.

JOHN MCKEITHEN

John D. McKeithen, 65, of Diamondhead, died Friday, May 28, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. McKeithen was sent from the Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to the Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home in Jackson, MS for services and burial.

NANCY SAVOIE

Nancy Lynn Savoie, 42, of Picayune, died Thursday, May 27, 1999, in Picayune. Mrs. Savoie was a native of Picayune and was a homemaker. She was a member of Roseland Park Baptist Church in Picayune.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jimmy Dale Kendrick.

Survivors include her husband, Nicky Savoie of Thibodaux, La.; a son, Jason McQueen of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Erica Berry of Prentiss; his mother, Louise Thrash of Picayune; her step-father, Samuel D. Thrash of Picayune; two brothers, Edward "Eddie" Kendrick Jr. and Terry Kendrick, both of Picayune; and two sisters, Sherry Lowery of Alabama and Shirley Harris of Picayune.

Visitation was Saturday at Picayune Funeral Home, services will be conducted today at 2 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Picayune.

MARY SCHAAL

Mary Dey (Dee Dee) Schaal, 93, of Pearlinton, died Friday, May 28, 1999, in Pearlinton.

Mrs. Schaal was a retired school teacher from the Caddo Parish School System where she taught for 37 years. She was a charter member of Broadmoor Presbyterian Church in Shreveport and a member of the A. D. K.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Barbara Dey Schaal Tripp; parents, Charles C. and Mary C. Stephens Dey; and one sister, Vesta Dey Shows.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Ann Schaal Rodriguez of Pearlinton; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

A private service will be held. The family prefers memorials to the Lukemia Society, or to Quality Hospice, of the Gulf Coast, Inc., 999 Howard Avenue Suite 1, Biloxi, MS 39530.

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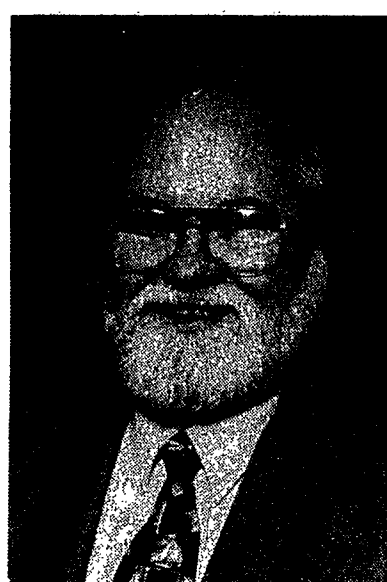
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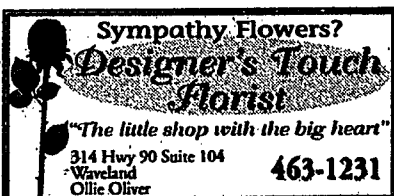
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Big potato crop

The Hancock County Farm in Kiln produced an over abundant crop of Irish potatoes this season. The county farm is operated by Lt. Roy Herron and Lt. James Necaise using Hancock County trustees for labor, and they report they should harvest some 600-800 pounds of potatoes. Those in photo are, from left, Elton Williams, Lt. Necaise, Jason Stockstill, Emmett Galloway, Roy Dodd, and Lt. Herron. This spring's crop includes, pole beans, squash, bell peppers, hot peppers, tomatoes, cantaloupes, watermelons, etc. The group was making a delivery of potatoes and beans to the Hancock County Senior Citizens Center on Thursday. Lt. Herron said they already had the jail's pantry full. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

Preparations made for Memorial Day visitors

BY ED LEPOMA

Despite the chance of intermittent rain, by all appearances, Hancock County was getting ready for a rip-snorting three day Memorial Day weekend.

Campers started arriving in RVs and trailers at McLeod and Buccaneer Parks as early as Thursday. The groceries were jammed with people stocking up on goodies for the weekend, and area motels and inns were booked solid or nearing capacity.

Wherever you go, don't forget to buckle up the kiddies. Hancock County Sheriff Ronnie Peterson will have extra patrols out, and will participate in the nationwide program declaring zero tolerance for driver's with unbuckled kids. The Bay and Waveland Police Departments are also expected to increase patrols.

The Sheriff's Beach Patrol will be on duty from Bayou Caddy to Bay St. Louis, and will ticket anyone violating laws that prohibit glass containers, drinking or other shenanigans along the beach.

McLeod Park Ranger Roland Lee told the Echo that all 72 campsites with water and electrical hookups were reserved well in advance, and the group and primitive camping areas were also full.

Navy's Human Resources Center director retires

Carole E. Martinez, director, Navy Human Resources Service Center Southeast, is retiring from federal service June 3 after a long and distinguished career. She was feted at an awards ceremony May 27 at Stennis Space Center where the Service Center is located.

A native of Caribou, Maine, Martinez began her career with the U.S. Army Special Services, Europe, where she served as Program and Services Club director in Munich and Bad Aiblig, Germany.

Upon her return to the United States, she joined the Armed Services Department of the National Council of YMCAs.

She held progressively responsible positions in Rantoul, Ill., and Newport, R.I., culminating in her assignment as Program and Public Affairs director for the San Diego Armed Services YMCA, the department's largest facility.

In 1974, Martinez was selected as Civilian Services director at Naval Air Station, North Island, a position she held for the next four years. In 1978 she entered civil service as an Employee Relations director, and in 1989 she was appointed as Deputy Civilian Personnel director.

She was selected as Human

Resources director at NAS North Island in December 1991 and held that position until January 1993 when she was selected as Human Resources director at New Orleans.

In April 1997 she was selected as the director of the Human Resources Service Center Southeast. In that position, Martinez was responsible for overseeing the start-up of a new Navy activity -- from groundbreaking to ribbon cutting.

Martinez worked closely with local officials, contractors and Army, Navy and NASA personnel to ensure the center was staffed and operational as scheduled.

The Human Resources Service Center provides civilian personnel services to the Navy's activities in the southeastern United States.

At the awards ceremony, Betty Welch, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, presented Martinez with the Navy's Superior Civilian Service Award.

Following retirement, Martinez intends to indulge in her passions of traveling and shopping for collectibles. She and her husband, John, plan to reside in the San Antonio area.

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Postmaster seeks help from patrons

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Bay St. Louis Postmaster Jimmy Moore requests cooperation of all citizens of the cities

LifeChoices workshops for youth set

There is still time for parents to sign up their children for the June series of LifeChoices Workshops, sponsored by the Partners Against Tobacco use in Hancock County, PATH. The workshops are open to young people between 10 and 16.

The workshops are held at the Hancock County Human Services Complex on Longfellow Road in the Mississippi State Co-op offices on four Saturdays in June, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Attendance is free.

Funded by money from the recent tobacco settlement, workshops are designed to allow attendees a chance to meet with peers in a non-judgmental atmosphere and learn more about themselves and how they make choices and decisions in their lives.

The workshops are hosted by Terry Latham, director of Hope Haven. Latham explains that "with the recent tragedies in our schools and the current need for both parents to work outside the home, it is important to allow young people a safe place to meet and discuss what is going on in their lives."

"We let them take a look in the mirror and see what kind of person they are growing into. These workshops can be a great help to young people who may need someone to listen to them without judging them. The 16 hours invested can make a real difference in the life of a child."

For information, contact Terry Latham at 467-7945 days and 255-5241 evenings.

and counties to help solve a problem faced by mail carriers.

"Every time it is garbage collection day in an area, mail carriers have a hard time reaching postal boxes because of garbage and garbage cans blocking access to the mail boxes," Moore said.

Motor route carriers are allocated only a few dismounts on each route in maintaining their schedules.

"On garbage day there are several routes where carriers are delayed up to two hours. This causes additional work hours, and postal patrons near the end of routes receive their mail later," Moore added.

Customers can correct this problem by keeping the area around their mailboxes clear and unobstructed at all times, so the motorized carrier can service their box without having to dismount their vehicle, Moore said.



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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Monday is Memorial Day and will be celebrated in Bay St. Louis and Waveland with special programs at our American Legion Posts.

Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Post 139 members in Bay St. Louis will gather at 10 a.m. at the grave site of Clement R. Bontemps, St. Mary Cemetery, Necaise Avenue, for a special service.

This will be followed by another service at the Post's Monument, Green Meadow Road, to honor all post deceased. Food and refreshments will be served after the service.

The Bourgeois-Stieffel-Ray American Legion Post 77 in Waveland will hold a Memorial Day service at the post's home on Coleman Avenue at 11 a.m.

Lt. Col. Russell L. Voorhies, U.S. Air Force retired, will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served following the ceremonies.

The general public is invited and encouraged to attend the special services at the American Legions.

This will be a good time to show your support to our Legionnaires, as they have served our country, many on foreign soils during World War II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, the Gulf War, etc.

They are part of the reason we have the freedoms we have in America today.

At both the Bay St. Louis and Waveland American Legion Posts, Auxiliary members will be assisting in the special memorial celebrations.

We hope to see you at the Memorial Day services.

In recent days hundreds of young men and women were graduated from area high schools.

Many in the Fall will be moving on to universities, colleges and community colleges. They are to be commended for continuing their education. A select group will be entering our military forces, and the only way to make the grade in uniform today is through continuing education.

This leaves a few who may think that graduating from high school will be the end of their education. This group needs to realize in today's world it is necessary more than ever to receive a degree.

The opportunities for a person with just a high school diploma grows smaller and smaller each year in this high-tech era of today.

To the high school students who do not plan on continuing their education, please rethink the matter. Give further education a least a chance, as an education is a thing that will follow you throughout your lifetime.

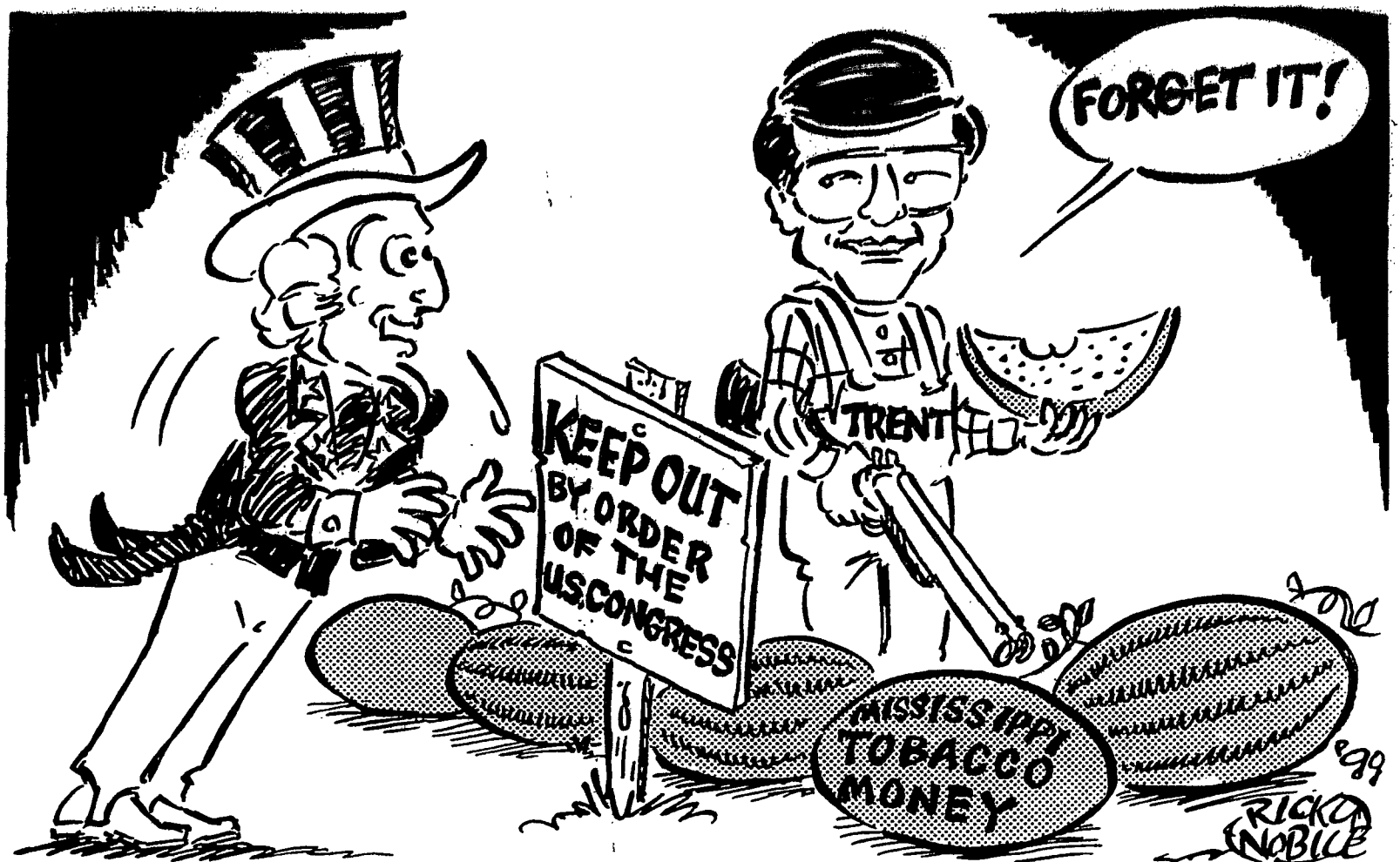
Stay in school, and good luck to all high school graduates.

Weather permitting, a large number of boaters will be on our waters today and tomorrow.

Across this nation every year there are many water-related fatalities on the Memorial Day weekend, and most of these accidents are alcohol related.

Boaters need to make sure they have all the proper equipment before they leave the docks.

It is hoped that everyone will have a safe and enjoyable holiday.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep America Beautiful director applauds sign stand

Dear Editor

Keep Mississippi Beautiful/People Against Litter, Mississippi's official litter prevention organization, applaud the Mississippi Transportation Commissioner's position on political signs.

During political campaigns there is a proliferation of signs on Mississippi highways and streets.

These signs become "litter on a stick" when they are not removed. We think political signage should be placed on private property with the owner's approval.

There are state laws that determine where signs can be placed and political candidates should not break the law. We suggest all campaign volunteers be briefed on the placement of signs, emphasizing the importance of the candidate's reputation.

When the political campaigns are over, we would like for the yard signs to be removed by the candidates.

Once the signs have been removed, the good work does not end.

The stakes can be recycled as stakes for gardens and kindling for fireplaces. Paper and cardboard signs can also be recycled.

Litter defaces the natural beauty of our state and it inhibits our ability to compete for industry and tourism, which is needed for Mississippi to continue our economic advance.

Keep Mississippi Beautiful/People Against Litter's environmental vision for the new millennium is a litter free landscape in Mississippi.

We are confident the political candidates share that vision and will only place signs where it is legal and will remove them when the campaign ends.

Barbara Dorr
Executive Director
Keep Mississippi Beautiful/
People Against Litter
Jackson

Video record helps with inventory, insurance claims

Could you list and accurately value all your personal property from memory? If you needed to file an insurance claim, how would you prove your loss? The best way to protect yourself is to make a complete inventory of all your possessions.

A written description should include date of acquisition, original cost, and any improvements. Serial numbers, if available, should be recorded, and any receipts that you have should be attached to the list.

To make the task more manageable, you may want to tackle one room at a time. Be sure to cover items that may be stored in closets or storage boxes. If you have a video camera, you can establish additional documentation of your home and belongings for insurance purposes.

The videotape, which can be used as evidence in case of theft, fire, or storm damage should include the following:

- A complete scan of all rooms, outside grounds and garage.
- Close-ups of all valuable items such as jewelry, and antiques (zoom in on serial

numbers of televisions, stereos, computers and other electronics.)

• Add audio commentary of details that may not be visually apparent.

If you don't have access to a video camera, there are companies who can make a tape for you. Ask your friends or insurance company for recommendations of reputable companies. Never allow an unknown individual to videotape your belongings.

Store the videotape, along with your comprehensive written list, in a safe place away from your home, such as a locked file cabinet at your office or safe deposit box. For extra safety, you may want to make copies and store them in separate places.

Once you have established a complete inventory, it should be fairly easy to do periodic updating. Finally, be aware that a videotape alone may not be enough to prove the loss of valuable items.

Consult your insurer for their proof of loss requirements.

(Source: State Farm Insurance Companies and Liberty Publishing Inc.)

Letters Welcome

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers on subjects of general interest. Letters must be signed and include address or phone number so that the sender can be contacted by the newspaper if necessary. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double spaced, and conform to standards of good taste. Only one letter per writer per month will be published. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters.

Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are considered inappropriate for the Letters to the Editor columns.

—Ellis C. Cuevas, publisher

Coast Electric storm repair plan upgraded

Just mention items like candles, portable radios, batteries, plywood, masking tape, bottled water and canned foods, and most coastal residents know that a tropical storm or a hurricane is heading their way.

June marks the beginning of hurricane season, a six-month period ending on Nov. 1.

Robert Occhi, Coast Electric Power Association general manager says the utility is well prepared to respond quickly should a severe storm or hurricane threaten.

"Our storm emergency work plan is designed to insure smooth operations and immediate response in the aftermath of a tropical storm or hurricane," he said.

"Last September when this area was hit by Hurricane Georges, the plan proved to be highly effective. We completed repairs and restored electric service to our customers in record time. This in view of the fact that approximately 85 percent of our service territory lost power," he said.

Coast Electric's storm emergency plan goes into effect when a tropical storm first enters the Gulf of Mexico. At this point, all employees are put on emergency alert.

Material and equipment inventories are checked.

Peter Platz, manager, Purchasing & Procurement, said Coast Electric maintains a reserve inventory for such emergencies. "Each district warehouse is adequately stocked with poles, wire and transformers. However, with a hurricane you can never estimate the amount of actual damage our system could sustain so all suppliers are notified to insure the availability and delivery of supplies and equipment," he said.

When a storm warning is issued, Coast Electric moves to a higher degree of readiness. "Phase II of our plan involves securing company facilities. Employees are put on 'standby' status and the company's storm operations center is set up to closely monitor weather forecasts and the projections for land-fall," Occhi said.

At this point of the plan, Coast Electric is bracing for the storm and preparing for Phase III, the restoration of service.

PHASE II RESTORING SERVICE:

How we do it
The way electric power systems are constructed create situations where neighbors living on the same street may be with and without service at the same time. Steve Pitzer, manager of Engineering & District Operations says this occurs when an area receives its

electricity from more than one source.

"Our power network spans over 4,574 miles in all types of terrain. Our first goal in restoring service is to make certain our 26 substations are energized," he said. Following a major hurricane, Coast Electric's damage assessment team first examines the condition of the transmission lines feeding power to the substations. Any damage to these lines must be repaired to bring the substation back on line.

The next priority are the primary taps, or the extensions running from the substations. These three phase lines connect clusters of homes and businesses. Once all of the main system is back on, the single phase lines connected to individual services can then be repaired.

Pitzer also noted that there are several situations that can cause one neighbor to have power and not the next. "First, the individual service lines connected to a customer's home or business may be down, or the service entrance equipment may be damaged."

Second, the transformer that serves a home may be tripped due to a faulted condition or it could have been damaged by lightning.

Third, the line circuit breaker could have tripped due to a fallen tree branch or other line damage," he said.

Individual line conditions are difficult to locate, making the job of restoring electricity following a hurricane an enormous task.

"We have thousands of miles of line, connecting three counties. Each hurricane is different and can bring fourth unusual obstacles, however, the restoration plan is our blueprint to insure efficient and quick response. We were pleased with its effectiveness following Hurricane Georges," Pitzer said.

In the event of a tropical storm or hurricane, Coast Electric is prepared and ready to restore electric service as quickly as humanly possible.

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FEMA says you can reduce hurricane damage

Reduction of potential deaths, injuries and property damage is the top priority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as America faces the 1999 Hurricane Season, FEMA Director James Lee Witt announced.

June 1 marks the start of the Atlantic hurricane season and already 118 communities are taking steps to become disaster-resistant through Project Impact: Building Disaster Resistant Community.

The FEMA initiative is designed to challenge the country to undertake actions that project families, businesses and communities by reducing the effects of natural

disasters.

"Somewhere, somehow this hurricane season, a hurricane will strike a community. It's yours, I promise you FEMA will be there to help," Witt said. "But I also promise this: if we act right now, like Project Impact communities have done, to prevent hurricane damage, we'll face fewer shattered windows and fewer shattered lives."

Project Impact is at the National Hurricane Center today to educate Americans on how to become disaster-resistant. FEMA has the technology and the know-how to reduce damage from hurricanes and other natural disasters.

Together with the National

Hurricane Center and NOAA, Project Impact is giving communities the tools to minimize the loss of life and damage to property.

Witt announced that President Clinton has signed legislation giving the Small Business Administration \$15 million for loans to help businesses prepare for natural disasters.

This money will be targeted to Project Impact communities first. In addition, Project Impact is joining the Economic Development Administration of the Department of Commerce to analyze the economic impact of hurricanes on local and state economies and help chart a long-term economic recovery strategy that includes preventative actions to reduce future impacts.

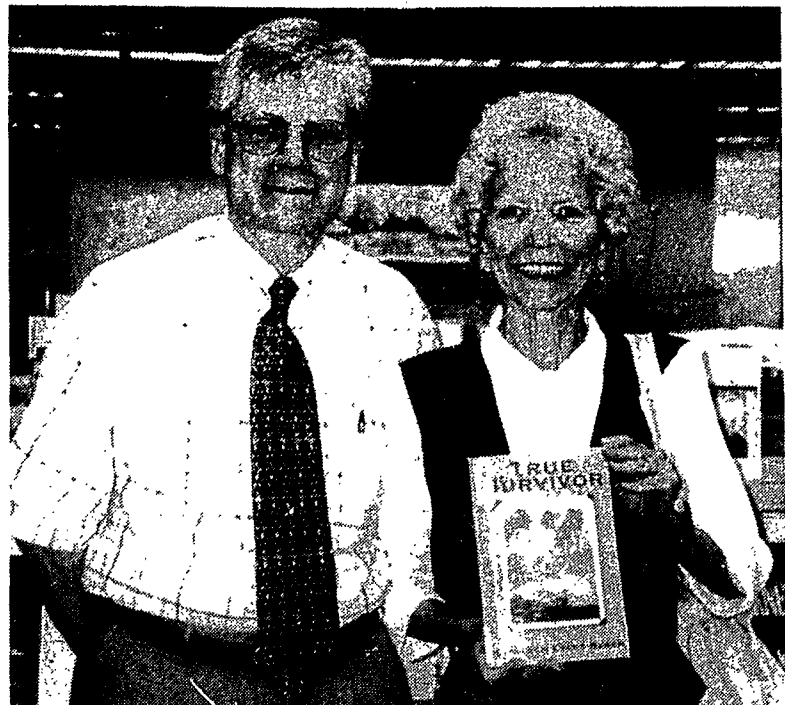
In South Florida, 60 percent of the businesses damaged by Hurricane Andrew still had not recovered after a year, and even now, almost seven years later, some businesses have not yet recovered.

Backyard Wildlife clinic

The Hancock County Solid & Water Conservation District will sponsor a Backyard Wildlife Clinic on Wednesday, June 16, 5:30 p.m. at the Coast Electric Meeting Room, Highway 90 and Main Street, Bay St. Louis.

Assistance will be given at the free clinic by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Speakers for the clinic are Ronnie Thomas and John Monroe, wildlife specialists. For further information call, 255-3225.



Donates book

Katherine Blum, right, former Bay resident, was here recently to present a copy of her book, *True Survivor*, to David Woodburn, public service coordinator for the Hancock County Library System. Blum's book chronicles her life in Bay St. Louis and New Orleans.

Hurricane season '99 marks 30th anniversary of Camille

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Hurricane Camille, the Category 5 storm that made landfall on the Mississippi Gulf Coast Aug. 17, 1969 -- devastating the Gulf Coast and most of South Mississippi and setting much of this country's hurricane preparedness programs into motion.

Gov. Kirk Fordice has proclaimed May 31 through June 6 as Hurricane Awareness Week in Mississippi as a focal point for Mississippians to prepare for an extremely active hurricane season.

"Hurricane Awareness Week provides an excellent opportunity to prepare for one of the most destructive seasons of the year," Fordice said. "History has demonstrated that a well-informed and well-prepared citizenry suffers less in personal injury and property damage as a result of these massive storms."

The state's primary advocate of hurricane preparedness is Mississippi Emergency management Agency Director Jim Maher, who echoes Gov. Fordice.

"The possibility having

another hurricane find its way to Mississippi in the next six months is very real," he said.

"With the current prediction set at 14 names storms, nine hurricanes and four of those being Category 3 or better, people in our state are well-advised to prepare now for a storm's landfall in our state."

Those preparations include ensuring you have enough non-perishable food and bottled water to last at least three days in case you become isolated.

Emergency supplies should also include a manual can opener, needed medicines, toilet articles, a change of clothes, blankets or sleeping bags, battery operated flashlights and radios and extra batteries.

Items for each family should be stored in a water-protected box or container that can be easily carried in case you have to evacuate your home.

Knowing ahead of time where and by what route you will evacuate is also of prime importance.

Officially, hurricane season starts June 1 and continues through Nov. 30. Typically, however, most hurricanes occur in August, September and October.

In 1998 hurricane season was one of the most deadly on record -- claiming an estimated 11,629 lives.

By the time Hurricane Georges made landfall in Mississippi, it had claimed more than 500 lives and caused some \$5.1 billion in damages in the Caribbean, U.S. mainland and Cuba.

It was a Category 2 storm by the time it reached land in Mississippi.

"While we certainly hope that our state will be spared the effects of a hurricane this year, it is definitely time to prepare now for that eventuality," Maher said.

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After storm: How you can help bring back the power

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2. Use caution in removing debris and tree limbs from your property. Never touch or attempt to move a downed line. Please don't pile debris under or near the power line right-of-way.

3. Be careful when using a portable generator. Keep the machine in an open area to reduce carbon monoxide emissions. Do not connect the generator directly to the main electrical panel unless properly wired by a licensed electrician.

(If installed incorrectly, there could be a back flow of electricity from the generator to the power lines. This could be deadly to anyone working on or near the lines.)

4. Use the telephone only for emergencies. It is not immediately necessary to call to report power outages or ask when service will be restored. First, survey your neighborhood and learn if others are without power.

5. Examine the master box installation for signs of damage. Any damage must be repaired before power can be reconnected. Most cities and counties require that a licensed electrician perform the repair work. City and county agents must inspect all repairs and issue a permit a reconnection permit.

6. If your home has been flooded and you suspect water in the walls or ceiling, turn off all circuit breakers or fuses at the main power panel. do not attempt to use electric outlets. have a professional electrician examine the damage and make necessary repairs.

7. If you set up temporary quarters on your property, or need electricity to complete repair work, you need to install a temporary service pole, wired to specifications. This connection needs to be inspected by local code officials before we can connect service.

Coast Electric and South Mississippi have recuperated from the devastation of Hurricane Georges last year. But the new hurricane season has arrived. We encourage all residents to make preparations now and plan what actions they will take should a major hurricane threaten our area.

New pavilions built at Bay Martin Luther King

Bay St. Louis Recreation Division Director Gus McKay has worked with Public Works throughout the spring to make improvements in all city parks.

Citizens now enjoy a new surface on the tennis court at City Park. Playground equipment at Larroux and Seventh Street parks have been refurbished. Concession and field improvements have been made at Commagere Park.

The new pavilions were

Baseball camp set at Hancock Hawk Stadium

A baseball camp for ages 8-15, will be held at Hancock High's Hawk Stadium, 7084 Stennis Airport Drive, May 31-June 3.

Coaching staff will include Andy Perniciaro, Hancock's head baseball coach; Joey Brockhoff, Hancock assistant coach; Mark Logan, Hancock assistant coach; Jay Artigues, Bossier Community College head coach; Joe Brockhoff, former Tulane University head coach; and Hancock High players.

Cost is \$50 for each player, \$25 for each additional family member attending the camp.

For registration and information call Perniciaro, 466-0307, or 255-4096; Joey Brockhoff, 255-7641, or 255-3475; or Mark Logan, 466-0307, or 467-3664.

built and equipment refurbished at Martin Luther King Park. Fencing, field and storage improvements have been made at McDonald Field. Field improvements have been made at the Athletic Complex.

In addition, the city is continuing its construction of the new youth football fields and a new park, Legacy Park, was created at the Senior Citizens Complex, both in the Old Spanish Trail/St. Francis Street neighborhood.

"Bay St. Louis is a busy city. We welcome our guests from other communities who play ball in our local leagues, but our primary focus is that our citizens are catered to first, that they have the amenities that they expect. We're working to cover all the bases," said Mayor Eddie Favre.

Sea Wolves title game set tonight

The Mississippi Sea Wolves evened the series at 3-3 with the Richmond in the East Coast Hockey League Friday in Richmond Friday night. The Sea Wolves were victors 7-3.

Game 7, to decide the championship will be played tonight, 8:05 p.m. at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

Tickets for the final game went on sale Saturday morning at the Coliseum.



New park pavilions

Bay St. Louis Public Works Department carpenters have built two new 15'x15' pavilions for Martin Luther King Park, Washington Street. Councilwoman Connie Lampley, right, discusses the project with Public Properties Supervisor Kim Favre, left, while Kenneth Storey and Pace Smith complete the roof of one of the new pavilions. (Photo by Jimmy Loiacano)

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Consumer News for Families

Choosing Day Care for Your Child

by Mark S. Mandell & Edward A. Williamson

One of the hardest and most important decisions for any parent to make is whether to put a child under the care of others. And with so many parents finding themselves needing to work these days to make ends meet, the question often becomes, "How can I be certain that the caregiver or day care I choose is good care?"

Choosing reliable and proper care for your child can indeed be confusing. Thankfully, there are a number of available resources that provide parents with a road map to navigate the child care dilemma.

According to the National Network for Child Care (NNCC), an Internet resource that unites the child care expertise of the nation's leading universities, "good child care requires three important things: (1) a caregiver who provides your child with care and guidance and who works with you and your family to make sure that your child grows and learns in the best way possible; (2) a setting that keeps your child safe and healthy; and (3) activities that are suited to your child's stage of growth and that help the child develop mentally, physically, socially, and emotionally."

The NNCC suggests that parents consider the following questions when choosing child care:

What type of caregiver is best for your child? According to the NNCC, a good caretaker should be well-trained, and warm and loving toward children. It advises that "whether your child is an infant, toddler, preschooler, or school-age, the caretaker should encourage the child's interests and stimulate the child to explore and discover new things." Make sure when interviewing caregivers to find out about their training and experience, as well as their outlook on child rearing and discipline.

Are the facilities safe and healthy? Check that the setting you select is suitable for your child - no matter whether you choose in-home care, infant, toddler, preschooler, or school-age, the caretaker should encourage the child's interests and stimulate the child to explore and discover new things. All games, toys and furniture should be in good repair and appropriate for the children. And make sure that the number of children in the group is small enough so that your child receives the individual attention he or she needs.

What will it cost? It is important to research the costs of the different kinds of child care available in your area (including the cost of transportation to and from the child care setting), as well as any local, state or federal financial assistance you may be qualified to receive for child care.

According to the NNCC, there are three main types of child care

arrangements: In-home care, family care and center-based care. They can be summarized as follows:

In-home care. This type of caregiver either comes to, or lives in, your home, and can be a relative, friend or someone you hire. In-home care is an attractive, less-costly option if you have a number of children requiring care, or a child that needs special care because of physical, mental or emotional problems.

Family child care. The NNCC explains that this kind of care "is provided in the home of the caregiver, who is often a mother with children of her own," with only a few children being cared for at any one time. This may be an appealing option if you are a single parent raising a child alone, or have only one or two children needing care.

Center-based care. Child care centers (which includes nursery schools, preschools and parent cooperatives) are established centers where children are cared for in a group away from their homes. One benefit of care centers is that they often have organized programs of activities to help your children learn. It is important to first examine the center's facilities, staff qualifications and staff/child ratio.

Though one type of care arrangement may appear best for your child, the NNCC stresses that "any kind of child care can be good for your child if the care provides the warmth, supervision and individual attention your child needs," and adds that it is quite normal to want to use more than one kind of care for your children - "for example, in-home care for your infant and center-based care for your preschooler."

The NNCC's child care checklist, along with a "child care checklist," can be found at <http://www.nncc.org/ChooseQualityCare/qual.parent.checklist.html>. Parents also can visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families Web site at <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ccb/fac/4steps.htm> for more caregiver information.

For more health and safety information and tips, please visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" Web site at <http://familyfsafety.atla.org>.

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Math whizzes win money in USM-NASA math contest

Math skills paid off for about a dozen teens participating recently in the University of Southern Mississippi-NASA Space Grant High School Mathematics Competition.

Northwest Rankin High School of Brandon won the top team prize in the second annual competition, taking home a \$500 award for highest team score, followed by Hattiesburg High in second place, winning \$300, and Moss Point High in third place, claiming \$200.

NASA underwrote a substantial amount of the award money in the May 1 competition at USM's Hattiesburg campus, requesting that winners by three-student teams be used to support mathematics education at top schools.

Competition was sponsored under the NASA Space Grant Program, which funds education, research and public service projects through a national network of 52 affiliate members such as Southern Miss.

USM's Department of Mathematics and USM's Program in Scientific Computing also co-sponsored the competition.

U.S. savings bonds were awarded to the top three individuals winners:

-- Wian Lian, Oak Grove High School, first place, \$100 bond.

-- Trisha Gilbreth, Northwest Ranking High School, second place, \$75 bond.

-- Bob Morris, Hattiesburg High, third place, \$50 bond.

"This was the second year of competition for some of the students and special congratulations are due Wang, who placed first in the individual competition and the second consecutive year," said competition chairman Dr. Joseph

Carey Pass student on Who's Who

Ten students from the William Carey College Coast campus received the "Who's Who Among Students" in American Universities and Colleges recognition as national outstanding leaders.

Campus nominating committee and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Students from the WCC Coast campus included: Christopher Pryor, an English major from Pass Christian.



EDDIE MOE

To attend MS School for Math/Science

Eddie Moe, son of Owen and Marti Moe of Diamondhead, has been selected to attend the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) in Columbus, Miss.

MSMS offers a unique educational opportunity for academically talented juniors and seniors. Moe, a 10th grade student at Hancock High School, will begin MSMS in the fall.

Kolibal, USM assistant professor of mathematics.

Thirty students from seven Mississippi high schools participated in the second annual competition. Along with the student competition, high school teachers were given a demonstration of classroom technology by USM math faculty.

Competition consisted of two written, timed exams, with competitors prohibited from using hand-held calculators or other electronic aids.

The year 2000 competition is already being planned for next April. For more details on 1999 results and 2000 plans, visit the website of USM's Department of Mathematics at www.math.usm.edu.

Hancock High School's Envirothon Team scores high marks

The 1999 Mississippi Envirothon is over and the Hancock High Envirothon Team received an award for high score in Aquatics. Members of the schools five-member Envirothon Team are Tonya Tabor, Mandy Hall, Laura Silas, Matt Cassell and Cori Wilson.

The team, coached by instructor Shani Bounds, trained for months for the highly competitive event.

Funding for the statewide Mississippi envirothon is provided by Chevron Mississippi. Thirty competing teams represented public and private high schools, FFA Chapters and 4-H Explorer posts from all areas of Mississippi at the May 4 competition at Roosevelt State Park in Morton.

The 1999 Mississippi Envirothon Grand Champions, the Harrison Central High School team, will represent Mississippi at the Canon Envirothon, North America's largest national high school environmental competition, this coming summer in northern California.

Forty-seven teams from the United States and Canada will compete in the national event, and over \$35,000 in college scholarships and other prizes will be awarded.

"The questions on the written test were extremely difficult, but we got to work on them as a team... I am not surprised we did so well, our coaches were tremendous,"

Break of Dawn sets scholarship awards

The Break of Dawn Youth Enrichment Facility, Inc., will conduct a 1999 Scholarship Awards Banquet on Friday, June 25, 6:30 p.m. at Gulfside United Methodist Assembly, Longmore Inn, 950 South Beach Boulevard, Waveland.

Tickets are for a donation of \$15 per person. There is a limited number of tickets available.

For ticket information call:



First time winners

Competing for the first time in the Mississippi Gulf Coast American Culinary Federation Culinary Classic, students from the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast's Culinary Arts Academy took home two prizes. They were, from left, Franklin Smith, Michael Beall, Joni Witte and Carol Fuqua. Smith, Beall and Witte were on a team with James Hall that won a third-place award for sake-glazed snapper with plum win shiso butter and punzu dipping sauce. Fuqua won first place for her Orange Roughy en papillote with shrimp and scallions. (USM Public Relations photo)

commented one student.

During the competition, 150 high school students used their acquired knowledge in field events and on written tests at five testing stations in the areas of Wildlife, Aquatics, forestry, Soil and Oral Presentation.

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Further plans are underway for Mississippi to host the National Envirothon Competition in the year 2001, when over 700 high school students will compete.

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Bay High School's Envirothon Team scores high marks

The 1999 Mississippi Envirothon is over and Envirothon teams from the Gulf Coast took high honors, with the team from Harrison Central winning the Grand Championship.

The Bay High team received the highest score in the area of Soils. Members of Bay High School's five-member Envirothon Team are Casey Farve, Sandy Le, Vanna Pham, Melissa Gaines and Mary Giattina.

The team, coached by instructor Christine Giattina, trained for months for the highly competitive event.

Funding for the statewide Mississippi envirothon is provided by Chevron Mississippi. Thirty competing teams represented public and private high schools, FFA Chapters and 4-H Explorer posts from all areas of Mississippi at the May 4 competition at Roosevelt State Park in Morton.

The 1999 Mississippi Envirothon Grand Champions, the Harrison Central High School team, will represent Mississippi at the Canon Envirothon, North America's largest national high school environmental competition, this coming summer in northern California.

Forty-seven teams from the United States and Canada will compete in the national event, and over \$35,000 in college scholarships and other prizes will be awarded.

"The questions on the written test were extremely difficult, but we got to work on them as a team... I am not surprised we did so well, our coaches were tremendous," commented one student.

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Millsaps president's dean's lists scholars

Rachel Nicole Spear of Waveland, a freshman at Millsaps, was named a president's list scholar for the spring semester. Students on the president's list have earned a GPA of 3.85-4.0.

Marcia Anne Williams from Bay St. Louis, a senior at Millsaps, is on the dean's list for the spring semester.

Students on the dean's list have earned a GPA of 3.50-3.84.



Score high marks

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Hancock STAR Student and Teacher

Blake D. Smith, son of Ernie and Sky Smith of Perkinston, has been named as Hancock High School's STAR (Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition) Student for the 1998-99 school year by the Mississippi Economic Council's M. B. Swayze Education Foundation.

STAR Students are selected on the basis of academic excellence, American College Test scores, and scholastic averages.

Each STAR Student is asked to designate a STAR Teacher, the classroom teacher who has made the greatest contribution to the student's scholastic achievement.

Smith designated Patricia D. Ashley of Pass Christian, a language arts teacher at Hancock High School, as the STAR Teacher.

Ashley has been involved in education for 29 years, dedicating 26 of those years to teaching English in the Hancock County School District.

Currently, Ashley serves as the head of the English Department at Hancock High School.

Smith was recently honored for his STAR designation during the ninth annual Education Celebration Held April 30 at the Mississippi College in Clinton. In August, he will attend the University of Mississippi in Oxford to study science.



Blake D. Smith and Patricia Ashley



Celebrate Pentecost

Christ Episcopal Church, Bay St. Louis, held its annual Pentecost service and picnic Sunday, May 23. Pentecost marks the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles to empower them to teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Among the children singing during the service, were front row, left, Johnny Kelly, Kaylyn Kelly, Annabelle Kelly, Megan Lind, and Marshall Hoffman; top row, Laura Stevens, Ashley Hoffman, Vanessa Johnson, Erica Ammentorp and Daniel Ammentorp. Fr. Ted Dawson officiated at the service as Fr. Nick Johnson was on annual leave. Pentecost Sunday is also the day the children receive their Sunday School awards.

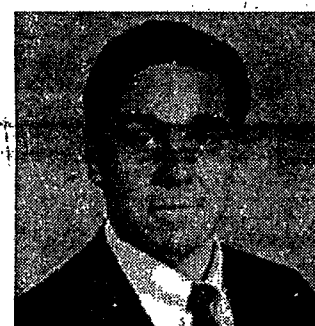
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Bay-Waveland Yacht Club hosts 50th Chapman Regatta

The Bay-Waveland Yacht Club will host the 50th annual Chapman Regatta June 5-6. The Chapman is a team racing event with all seven Mississippi Coast Yachting Association yacht clubs eligible to enter and compete for the Chapman Memorial Trophy and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Sailing Championship.

Each club may enter three Flying Scot sailboats and three skippers in each of the regatta's four races. A person may skipper only one race but can crew in an unlimited number of races. At the end of each race, a club's three finishing positions are combined for a team score. A

first place finish gets one point, second place, two, etc., so that the club with the lowest score wins.

In team racing, as opposed to the more usual fleet racing, strategy shifts from getting out front and staying there to more aggressive tactics designed to diminish opponents' positions while enhancing those of one's own team.

The winning club is awarded the Chapman Trophy, a perpetual trophy donated by Henry B. Chapman of Bay-Waveland Yacht Club and Wallace Chapman of Biloxi Yacht Club in memory of their father, William J. Chapman, and brothers Will

W. and Alfred W., known as sailing enthusiasts on the Coast for many years.

Two races are scheduled for Saturday, June 5, and two for Sunday, June 6. Live entertainment is planned for late afternoons, a fish fry for Saturday evening, and pancake breakfast by the Ladies Auxiliary for Sunday morning.

Boys, Girls soccer camp at Demboski

Doug Stovall, William Carey College men's soccer coach will hold a World Cup Soccer camp at the Scott Demboski Soccer Complex August 4-7.

The soccer camp is from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. daily for boys and girls ages 8-16, with a cost of \$85 per person.

There will also be a special session for ages 5-7 at 4:30-6 p.m. August 4-7 at \$55.

For further information call Shane Kowalski, 463-1647; or William Carey College, 228-897-7144.

Stovall was voted conference/regional college coach of the year in 1998.

Jones Johnson to face June 5

Saturday, June 5, the Mississippi Gulf Coast will be the site of the Roy Jones, Jr. vs. Reggie Johnson Light Heavyweight World Championship Unification Title Bout, a championship fight that will once again draw national attention to an area that held its first championship boxing match over 100 years ago.

In 1882, John L. Sullivan and Paddy Ryan boxed the previously unknown Mississippi Gulf Coast community into both widespread fame and the national sports archives when the Sullivan vs. Ryan fight was held on the Coast.

The heavily attended nine-round bout marked the turning point for boxing, refining the once unprofessional sport.

In the early days, prize fighting was the sport of the mob, featuring a brawl with as much fighting among the spectators as between the boxers in the ring. Referees often favored the fighter who had more ringside friends.

Although boxing was still illegal at the time of the Sullivan vs. Ryan fight, the 1882 match propelled boxing into the national spotlight.

For the first time in boxing history, a large gathering of prominent citizens with influence and money attended a boxing match. Unlike at previous matches, the Sullivan vs. Ryan spectators were more interested in observing a professional fight than in participating in an unorganized brawl.

Also for the first time in boxing history, American newspapers sent writers to cover the Sullivan vs. Ryan bout.

Jones, the WBC-WBA champion, and Johnson, IBF champion, will fight the first light heavyweight world title unification bout in 14 years, a live, HBO-televvised event.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The first fight will begin at 6 p.m.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$500 and may be purchased by calling the Grand Casino Gulfport Box Office at 800-WIN-7777, ext. 1988, the Grand Casino Biloxi Theatre Box Office at 800-WIN-2-WIN, ext. 3371, and the Mississippi Coast Coliseum at 228-594-3707. Tickets are also available at all TicketMaster outlets.

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Big cats

Park Ranger Roland Lee's son, Dwight, recently landed a huge catfish fishing at McLeod Park, and at right, Charles Tuttle and daughter from Picayune show off the 24-pound cat they recently landed.



McLeod braces for holiday

BY Park Ranger
Roland Lee

McLeod Park was booked solid for the Memorial Day weekend, and Park Ranger Roland Lee says extra security and the Sheriff Department's water patrol will be on duty for the three-day weekend.

Lee reported Friday that all 72 campsites that have electrical and water hookups were booked weeks in advance, and the three group camping areas and the 30 primitive camp sites are also taken.

"It's that time of the year again when the children are out of school, and the fish are biting, both fresh and salt water," said Lee.

Just recently, Lee said his son, Dwayne Lee, caught a catfish that was just a few ounces shy of being 32 pounds.

Soccer league seeks board nominations

Bay Area Youth Soccer is accepting nominations for openings on the board. Positions on the board for BAYS include organizing and helping in all aspects of the soccer seasons.

Board elections will be held at the general meeting of BAYS

Lee had special thanks for government officials who helped McLeod Park get ready for the upcoming season.

"Sheriff Ronnie Peterson's office has really made things better for us and the park, and we really thank him and his staff and other friends," said Lee.

Lee disclosed that more improvements are in store at McLeod Park. "Several key people are working on the paperwork needed to land funds for construction of another boat launch and a comfort station at the park," said Lee.

As always, Lee advises campers and other visitors planning a stay or just a day's visit to McLeod to call ahead. For more information, call 228-467-1894.

June 23 at 7 p.m. at the Mississippi Power Building.

Persons interested in making nominations or for further information, contact Eddie Cranford at 466-9140 or Julie Cannon at 467-3701.

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Bank announces promotions

Hancock Bank President George A. Schloegel recently announced 14 Mississippi promotions approved during the regular monthly Hancock Holding Company Board of Directors meeting.

Carl J. Chaney, Senior Vice President

Chief Financial Officer Chaney joined Hancock Bank in May 1998 after serving four years as full partner and director of Watkins, Ludlam, Winter and Stennis, P.A., in Jackson.

A Vicksburg native and Swayze Scholar, Chaney has over 12 years' experience practicing corporate and finance law with an emphasis in bank regulatory, securities, Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) compliance, and mergers and acquisition law.

Chaney received his bachelor of business administration degree with a double major in banking/finance and managerial finance from the University of Mississippi and his juris doctor degree with honors from the Ole Miss School of Law.

Chaney is a member of the Mississippi State Bar Association, the Mississippi Bankers Association and the American Bankers Association and has served in numerous local and state civic and community leadership capacities.

Kay Wirth Odom, Assistant Vice President

Formerly associated with First Commercial Mortgage, Pascagoula native Odom joined Hancock Bank in June 1994 and currently serves as mortgage loan operations officer and closing/loan delivery supervisor for Hancock Bank Mississippi, Hancock Bank of Louisiana and Hancock Mortgage Corporation.

A graduate of the University of Mississippi, Odom holds a bachelor of business administration degree and has completed numerous American Institute of Banking (AIB) courses. Odom remains active in the Mortgage Bankers Association and the

Ole Miss Alumni Association. **Mae Beth Tracy, Assistant Vice President**

IRA officer and specialist Tracy — a member of the Hancock Bank team for 37 years — is Hancock Bank's IRD specialist in the CD operations department.

A native of Prentiss, Tracy attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (Jefferson Davis campus), Mississippi College and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Joel Beavers, Commercial Loan Officer

Having joined Hancock Bank in August 1997, Beavers serves as commercial loan officer in Hancock Bank's community business banking department.

Jackson native Beavers received a bachelor of business administration degree in banking and finance from Mississippi State University.

Kristi V. Burge, Loan Officer

Hurley native Burge joined Hancock Bank in 1993 and currently serves as associate lender at Hancock Bank's East Ocean Springs branch. Burge attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and has completed numerous AIB and banking courses.

Diane Capo, Human Resources Officer

Affiliated with Hancock Bank for three years, Capo currently serves as compensation analyst for the Hancock Bank Human Resources Department.

Originally from Seabrook, Texas, Capo received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Mississippi State University and has completed numerous AIB and banking courses.

Capo holds membership in both the American Compensation Association and the Employee Relocation Council.

Barbra Finley, Branch Operations Officer

Finley, who joined Hancock Bank in 1982, currently manages branch operations at Hancock Bank's Edgewater branch.

A Bruce, Tenn., native, Finley attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and holds an AIB general certificate.

Theresa "Resa" Frey, Securities Officer

Denham Springs, La., native Frey currently serves as a securities specialist for Hancock Investment Services. Having joined Hancock Bank in 1993, Frey holds a bachelor of arts degree in business management from Southeastern Louisiana University and a Series 7 license.

Melissa Jester, Branch Operations Officer

Jester, a Chicago, Ill. native raised in Orange Grove, joined Hancock Bank 13 years ago and currently manages branch operations at Hancock Bank's main Gulfport branch.

Lisa L. Jones, Loan Operations Officer

Loan Operations Manager Jones joined Hancock Bank in October 1997 and has served as loan operations team leader. Formerly associated with Whitney National Bank, Gulfport native Jones holds an associate degree in applied science from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Additionally, Jones has participated in Hancock Bank's Leadership School. A Girl Scouts of America troop leader and member of Toastmasters, Jones received recognition in the 1997 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America.

Janice Marsh, Loan Officer

Formerly associated with Metropolitan National Bank, Marsh joined Hancock 15 years ago and currently serves as retail lender at Hancock Bank's Courthouse Road branch.

Marsh attended Rust College and holds AIB diplomas in general banking, consumer lending and commercial lending.

A Gulfport native, Marsh is currently pursuing academic work in banking and finance at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (Jefferson Davis campus). Marsh remains active in the Eulice N. White Civic Organization and the Gulfport Exchange Club.

Renee' Toulme' Phillips, Mortgage Underwriting Officer

Formerly affiliated with Community Mortgage, Phillips joined Hancock Bank in June 1994 and currently serves as senior mortgage loan underwriter with Hancock Mortgage Corporation.

A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor of science degree in business administration, Gaudier native Phillips has completed numerous AIB courses.

Phillips is a member of the Pi Beta Phi alumni organization and the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Ginger Byrd, Administrative Assistant

Twenty-year Hancock Bank employee Byrd currently serves as administrator of employee benefits in Hancock Bank's trust department.

A Long Beach native now residing in Pass Christian, Byrd received an associate degree from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College as well as a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Byrd has completed numerous AIB courses and is a member of the Long Beach Carnival Association.

Theresa A. Frontz, Administrative Assistant

Frontz, who joined Hancock Bank in April 1994, currently serves as administrative accounts coordinator with the Hancock Bank Trust Department.

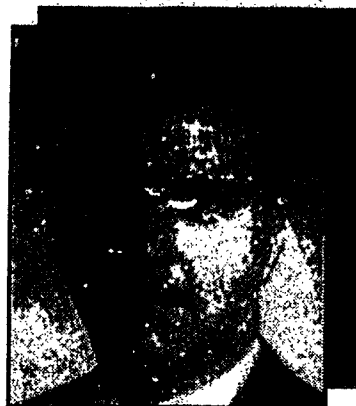
Formerly associated with Fleet Bank, North Tonawanda, N.Y. native Frontz remains active in Gulfport Civitan International, Kids Voting and Special Olympics.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by Craig Foster
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When you contribute to charity, everyone benefits

If, like many people, you provide financial support to at least one civic, religious or educational institution, you may have often wished that you could give more, if you could afford it.

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By setting up such a trust, you'll avoid a capital gains hit and you'll be able to take a deduction on your current-year taxes. Furthermore, because you'll be moving assets out of your estate, your beneficiaries will have fewer estate taxes to pay.

You may have noticed one element that's missing from this picture: your children. How can you provide for them if you transfer the bulk of your appreciated assets to a charitable remainder trust?

One possible solution is to use the income you receive

from the charitable remainder trust to purchase a life insurance policy on yourself. However, if you own the insurance, the proceeds will go into your taxable estate. As an alternative, you might want to consider purchasing an insurance policy in an *irrevocable life insurance trust*. Because the trust actually owns the insurance policy, the proceeds will be kept out of your taxable estate, which means your heirs will pay less in estate taxes. And, you can direct the trust to provide your heirs with regular income.

Trusts can be complex instruments. Before establishing one, consult with your legal adviser.

Everyone is a winner...

Deciding how to make a charitable gift—through a straight donation of appreciated stock or through a charitable remainder trust—will depend, in large part, upon your financial objectives.

Regardless of how you choose to make a charitable gift, you'll be helping a valued institution and yourself. In short, everyone benefits.

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BUSINESS NEWS

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Leadership Mississippi seeking applicants

Mississippi Economic Council (MEC) is accepting applications for its Leadership Mississippi program, a program designed to sharpen the leadership skills of emerging leaders in Mississippi in the hope that they will exert a strong positive influence on the future of the state.

"The objective of the Leadership Mississippi Program is to motivate participants by increasing awareness of community and state issues, involvement in problem-solving activities on issues of current interest and to provide a network of leaders across the state who are actively involved in improving Mississippi's quality of life," said MEC President Blake Wilson.

If you have demonstrated leadership potential through job-related and community activities and are not over the age of 40, contact the MEC at

Leadership Mississippi Program, P.O. Box 23276, Jackson, Ms 39225-3276 or call (601) 969-0022 for your application.

Applications are reviewed and participants are selected by a committee of MEC members. Approximately 30 participants will be accepted. No applications will be accepted after June 25. There is no application fee.

Tuition for the program is \$995, which includes training sessions, meals, overnight accommodations for the opening retreat and instructional materials. Additional costs will include transportation to Jackson and overnight accommodations during the remainder of the training sessions.

MEC is the largest organization of business, industrial and professional leaders in Mississippi.

Project raises opportunity for Mississippi businesses

The real beneficiaries of a unique, award-winning electronic data management system may well be Mississippi businesses seeking to market their goods and services to government agencies.

A strategic model for expanding the visibility of such opportunities was the focus of a Mississippi Contract Procurement Center (MCPC) project which has been named the 1999 Outstanding Project of the Year by the Association of Government Marketing Assistance Specialists.

The award to the Mississippi center was presented by Jimmy Heidel, executive director of the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development, to MCPC Executive Director Richard L. Speights.

"The database developed by the Mississippi Contract Procurement Center is a valuable tool for any Mississippi business looking for competitive bid opportunities offered by cities, counties, airport and port authorities, states and federal agencies," said Heidel. "The best part is that this array of current information on bid notices is available to Mississippi businesses free of charge."

The MCPC project is essentially a high-powered computer system which is fed bid notices and other information by more than 2,000 procuring offices nationwide. The database was developed in partnership with four computer consulting firms, Jackson-based Sabre Systems Inc.; Waveland-based Interlok; Biloxi-based Pangaealink Inc.;

and Amarillo, Texas-based COMTECH Management systems. MCPC compiles the information and makes it available to its 1,800-business network.

MCPC won the national award after competition among 142 procurement technical assistance centers in 48 states and Puerto Rico. A Central element and the award is that the MCPC project demonstrated the highest degree of excellence and creativity and can be replicated at other centers.

"This award recognizes the creative and unique applications of technology by the Mississippi Contract Procurement Center," said Speights, "and we are delighted to bring home another first for Mississippi. The benefits of this electronic system to Mississippi businesses in marketing their goods and services can be enormous."

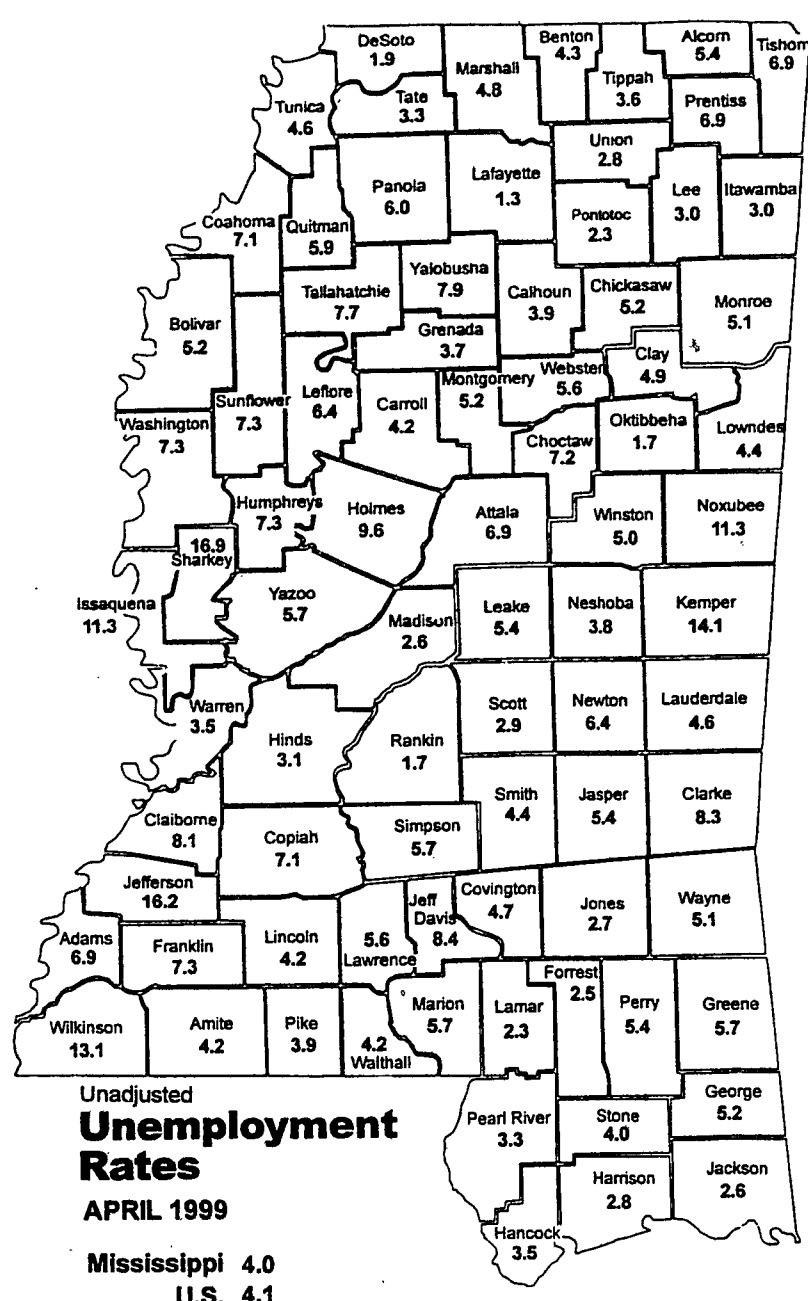
Created in 1986, the Mississippi Contract Procurement Center is a private, non-profit corporation established to enhance economic development in the state of Mississippi by helping Mississippi companies with obtaining local, state and federal government contracts. It is a statewide network with regional centers strategically located in Biloxi, Meridian, Greenville, Columbus and Jackson.

The five centers help small businesses cut through the red tape which frequently accompanies government bid notices, and helped Mississippi companies receive \$566 million in government contracts in fiscal year 1998.

MCPC is funded by a cooperative agreement through the Department of Defense Logistics Agency with matching funds from the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development, various city and county government agencies, economic development foundations and private corporations.

Businesses desiring to take advantage of the services provided by the Mississippi Contract Procurement Center should contact the Central Office in Biloxi by phone, 228-396-1288, or register for services on the MCPC website, www.msccpc.com.

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Unemployment rate dips to lowest level in 25 years

Mississippi's unemployment rate dipped to its lowest level in 25 years during the month of April, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESCO) announced.

The April rate of 4.0 percent was the lowest the state has recorded since May of 1974 when the rate was 3.6 percent. The April rate was also lower than the national rate which stood at 4.1 percent.

Driving the lower rates were job gains in several sectors of the workforce and the return of workers to seasonal jobs particularly agricultural employment. Overall 1,214,300 Mississippians were employed during the month while 51,000 were unemployed.

"Manufacturing jobs rose by 500 spurred by increases in the furniture and fixtures, transportation equipment and rubber and plastics making sectors," said Thomas E. Lord, executive director of MESCO.

He said in the non-manufacturing sectors there were job gains in the construction, transportation, hotels and lodging and amusement areas.

"These numbers dramatically portray the vitality of Mississippi's economy, particularly the fact that our state rate is under the national rate," Lord said.

Most counties recorded a sharp decline in the joblessness. Lafayette County recorded the lowest rate at 1.3 percent, followed closely by Oktibbeha County and Rankin County at 1.7 percent.

Sharkey County had the highest rate at 16.9 percent. Twenty-six counties matched or bettered the state rate.

Lord said normally the unemployment rate will rise in May due to student workers entering the job market.

Arborist certification part of Coast Electric training

On May 21-23, 10 Coast Electric employees took part in a three-day training and certification class administered by some of the state's top experts in horticulture, entomology and plant pathology.

The program was designed through the guidelines of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).

Coast Electric employees took part in the program to earn a certification and license as arborists.

Terrell Buckelew, director for the Southern Chapter of ISA, presented a four-hour training session on pruning concepts and techniques and talked about topics such as bracing and climbing in trees.

Other speakers were Lester A. Estes Jr., PhD, professor of horticulture at Mississippi State University; James Jarrett, PhD, entomologist, faculty member at MSU; Frank Killebrew, PhD, Extension plant pathologist; and David Tatum, PhD, professor, Extension specialist.

Steve Pitzer, Coast Electric manager of Engineering and District Operations, said the certification was offered to the company's right-of-way, staking and engineering personnel.

"The ISA certification is designed to promote the professional development of those involved in tree care," he said. Rodney Beech, engineering

technician, coordinated the training program. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Mississippi Urban Forestry Council, and the Mississippi Chapter of the International Society of Arborists. He is also active in the Professional Arborist Association of Mississippi.

Coast Electric employees taking part in the certification were Rodney Beech, David Ervin, Keith Ladner, Charles Fields, Larry Benoit, Randy Jordan, Milton Henley, Morgan Butler, Alan Moran and Wade Gill.

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Submitted by Craig Foster, Edward D. Jones Co.

P&Z — rules sign too big

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in square feet. 1 degree times the horizontal length of the wall to which the sign is to be attached.

In either case, commission members weren't about to grant the requested variance. For months, city officials have been grappling with enforcement of the sign ordinance and trying to bring all area businesses into compliance.

Marilyn and Frank Hille objected to the variance, saying it's taken them 18 months to get one sign approved by city officials.

"I'm sympathetic, but all business owners have to comply with the same rules," Mrs. Hille said. "We have ordinances, and we applied ourselves to the ordinance, and

everybody else should."

Commission members apparently agreed.

"It's a very sensitive issue in our community, right now," said commission member Maurice Singleton. He said the commission has disapproved several "very attractive signs" over the past several months, adding it would be "very difficult" to grant a retroactive variance in this case.

Commission chairman David Bassett said the commission has "fought this battle for four or five years."

While he welcomed the new business to town, Bassett said, "I feel we'll have to stick to the ordinance."

Kimball had several employees on hand to press his case, telling the commission that the relatively secluded nook in the Bay Mall where he's located is hard to spot from the highway.

One employee said he's had customers happy that they could see the new sign from the traffic signal at Dunbar. "This sign helps to bring the business in," he said.

The commission's negative recommendation goes to City Council for action June 8. Banker Basil Kennedy won the commission's approval of the site plan for a two-story bank building on Highway 90 at Longfellow Road. He said the new construction would cost around \$1 million.

Stovall — to leave P&H

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System at Stennis International Airport.

Stovall told the Echo that he had approached Commissioners about his desire to leave some months ago after his wife gave up her teaching job here to return to the family farm in St. Joe, Louisiana, near Port Gibson. But, Stovall said, Commissioners rejected his request to resign, and asked him to stay on under a new contract for five more years.

Stovall said he thought about the new offer, but decided it was in his best interest right now to return to his family.

Stovall was recruited by P&H Executive Director Hal Walters about five years ago, from Garden City, Kansas, where he was serving as Director of Aviation for Western Kansas Airport.

Walters said Stovall's main duty was to improve the infrastructure at Stennis International Airport, and bring in new markets, but he was also instrumental in suggesting improvements at the bulk shipping terminal and at other areas of Port Bienville Industrial Park.

"It will be almost impossible to find another applicant with

his diverse experience," said Walters.

He said that when Stovall accepted the position he asked the P&H Commission to give him five years to improve and modernize Stennis International, "and, he certainly exceeded that goal."

Walters called Stovall's pending departure, "an enormous loss to us and to the Hancock County Community," but he added that he respected Stovall's decision to spend more time with his wife and children.

P&H Commission Chairman Dave McDonald said, "We certainly regret very much losing him. He has done an excellent job for us, and he was far and away the best airport manager we've ever hired."

McDonald said Stovall has been aggressive in pursuing FAA grants and other sources of revenue for Stennis International, and had handled many other varied duties outside the scope of the airport.

"We'll certainly miss him," said McDonald.

Grant — big airport benefit

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the majority of the general aviation aircraft using Stennis were not equipped for the GPS approach. However, 95 percent are equipped for the ILS."

Stovall also credited P&H Executive Director Walters and members of the P&H Commission for mounting the campaign needed to convince FAA officials that the ILS was needed at Stennis.

"We had to do some creative thinking, be flexible, and know our market to convince the FAA that the ILS would make Stennis a major player in attracting additional air traffic," said Stovall. He revealed the P&H Commission wrote Sen. Lott in July of 1997 to justify the need for the ILS at Stennis.

"We owe an enormous debt to Sen. Lott, Robbie Maxwell and Brad Robinson of his staff, who worked closely with us over the years to fund improvements at Stennis that were needed before the ILS could be installed at Stennis," said Stovall.

Some of those improvements include 90 percent FAA funding of an Automated Weather Observation System, Precision Approach Path Indicators, new high-intensity airfield lighting, new runway end identifier lights, main taxiway and runway rehabilitation, and a recently-funded project to extend the parallel taxiway.

The FAA has also funded 90 percent of the \$115,000 master growth and marketing plan

that is being developed for Stennis International Airport.

In addition to funding and installing the ILS, Stovall said the FAA has also agreed to provide funding of \$40,000 to maintain the system and the accompanying non-directional beacon lights that are used as part of the ILS system, "at no cost to the P&H Commission or the taxpayers of Hancock County."

Stovall said the FAA has informed him that the ILS equipment is on order and should be arriving at Stennis by January, 2000.

"The engineering design has already begun," said Stovall. "And, barring any unforeseen delays, the ILS should be well under installation at Stennis by August of 2000."

Landfill — reverses opinion

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blican and Democratic primaries, scheduled August 3.

"We certainly don't want the county to incur any more costs than is necessary," said Sinders.

Hancock County's Regional Solid Waste Authority met in a workshop session last Wednesday afternoon, but Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre and Waveland's John Mason did not attend.

Moran asked the Authority's

attorney, Lucien Gex, if the Authority could take action against a private developer who might exceed the tonnage agreed upon to be dumped at the landfill.

Gex told Moran that regulations regarding safety and operations of a landfill rests solely with the state Department of Environmental Quality, but he felt the Authority could include a clause in its contract with the developer for "liquidated dam-

ages" if tonnage is exceeded.

The question of how much can be dumped at the landfill and how far away the garbage can be hauled from were the main issues raised by landfill opponents.

Opponents claim a site owned and operated by the county could restrict access, but under federal law, landfills owned and operated by a private company or individual must take out-of-state garbage.

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front area owned by residents of Chapel Hill.

Chester LeBlanc said Thursday that final engineering work on the development began after the May 14 closing transaction which transferred title from Casino Magic developer Marlin Torguson to LeBlanc's Design Built Consulting Inc.

Once proposed as a casino tract, the property's ultimate development has been a topic of concern to some area residents several years — particularly due to its commercial zoning status. Those concerns abated somewhat when Torguson picked the former Bay Cove Marina to locate his casino, but arose again when he put the waterfront property on the market last year.

The residential community proposed by LeBlanc met almost no opposition as it advanced through city approval process. City Council agreed to details of the development earlier this month.

But even as the proposed residential development made progress toward approval, LeBlanc said a string of other potential developers "came out of the woodwork" with alternative development schemes: a truck stop, nursing home and convenience store were among some 10 to 15 "serious" inquiries that came forward, he said.

With the property now in hand, LeBlanc said a temporary sales office would be in place within the next two weeks, fronting on the Highway 90 service road. A construction trailer will be put in place shortly thereafter, he said.

Meanwhile, local and regional interest in the development remains high, LeBlanc said.

With a strict set of covenants governing development standards, the 48 homes on the tract will be fashioned after the turn-of-the-century style of Bay St. Louis. Prices are expected to range up to \$425,000.

A homeowners association will hold title to the common grounds, paying for upkeep and related expenses in the complex. Plans call for construction of a 10-seat chapel near the center of the tract, giving it the theme name of Chapel Hill.

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SWAT Team holds drill at Hancock High

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY TED LEPOMA

The black-clad officers crouched on the side of police cars with their weapons aimed directly at Hancock High School was a scene that has become too familiar on many campuses throughout the nation.

But, Thursday, a mock hostage situation was enacted with the precision and reality that would be needed in the event such a disaster unfolds at any school here in the future.

Capt. Matt Karl, head of the four-year-old Hancock County Special Operations Division's High Risk Entry Assault Team, commanded the SWAT exercise, with about 30 officers participating from the Sheriff's Department, the Bay and Wave-

land, police departments and policemen from Long Beach.

The officers volunteer their services, and train and come to each other's aid in dangerous situations as part of a mutual inter-local agreement between the four agencies.

Thursday's exercise was carried out after students were already gone for the year, but the scenario was that seven students, disgruntled for having failed to pass to the next grade, had decided to take some teachers and school administrators hostage in the school.

The mission was to infiltrate the school, disarm the perpetrators, and get everyone out, including the rebel students, without a shot being fired and without anyone being hurt.

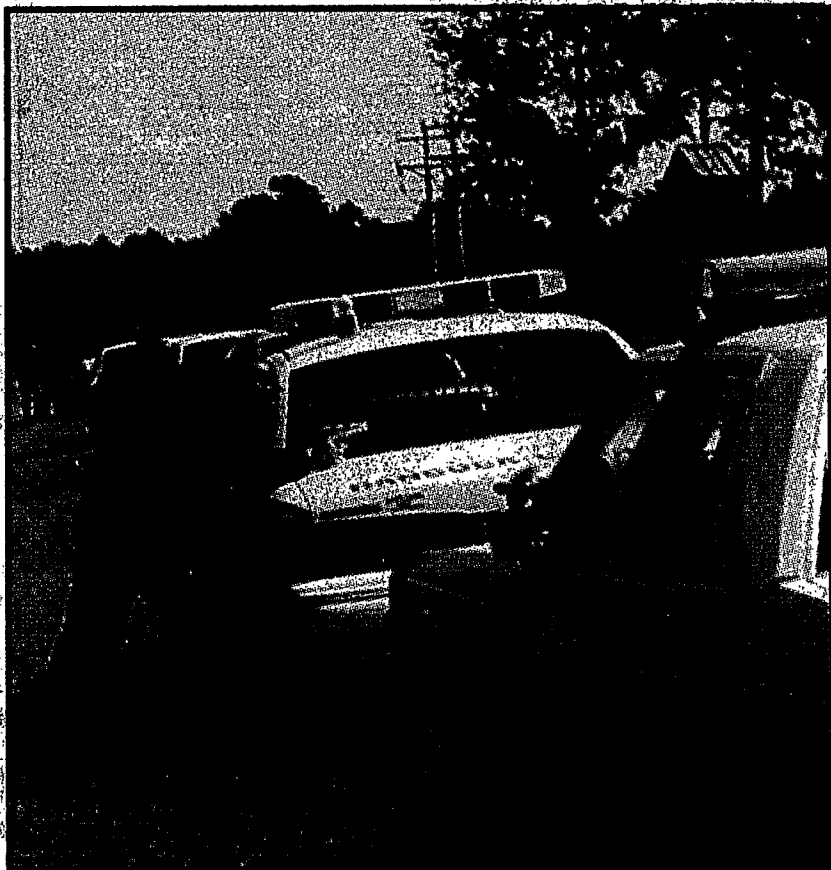
A command post was set up

on the west side of the campus, with officers communicating by radio with the teams dispatched to enter the high school. The red "assault" team's mission was to enter the school, while the blue and orange teams guarded the perimeter to provide cover fire, if necessary, and a black "sniper" team was at the ready. Various officers wore bullet-proof vests and helmets and were equipped with 9mm weapons or M16's or Colt 45's, and some with knives.

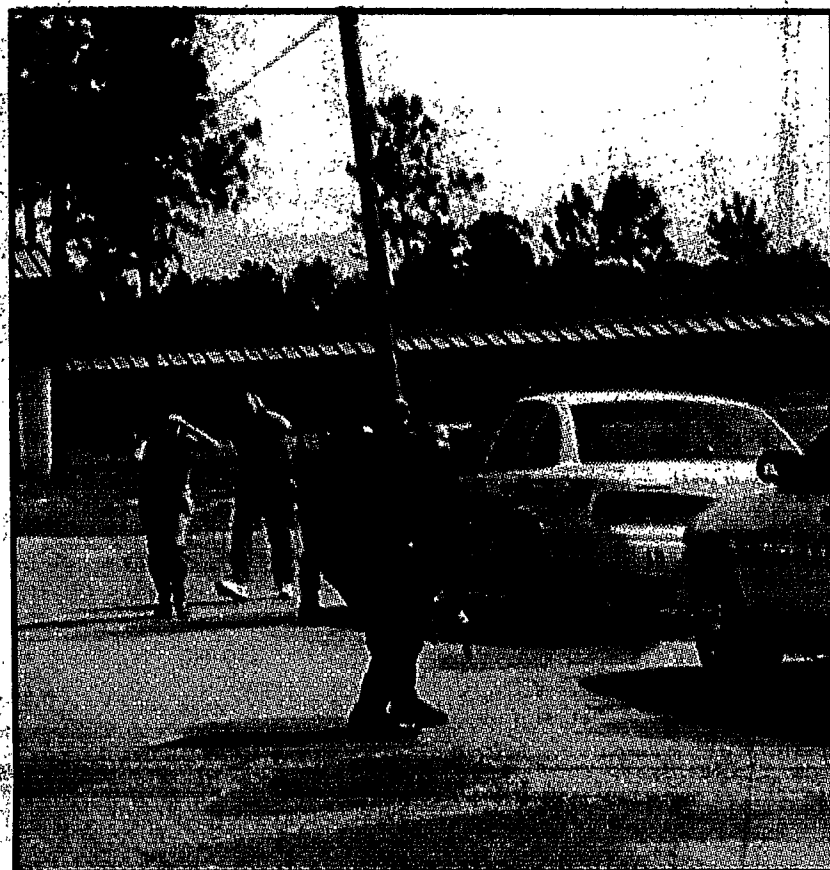
When the red team pitched smoke bombs at the south end of the campus, the assault was on, and the three-and-a-half-hour exercise was deemed "a complete success" by Commander Karl and hailed as a great experience by some faculty and teachers who participated.



Commander Capt. Matt Karl of the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, gives instructions to SWAT Team members.



Armed SWAT Team members were posted at intervals along the west side of the campus.

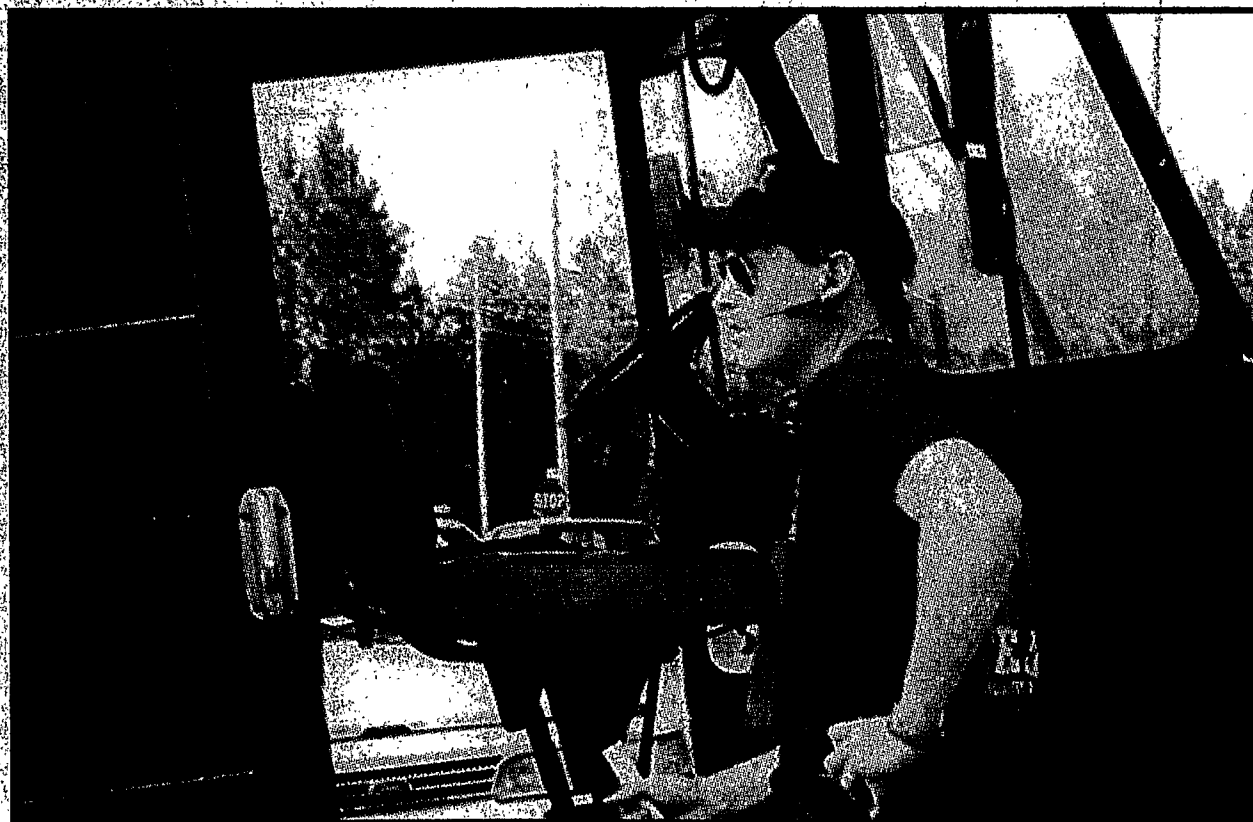


Hostages participating in the mock drill came out safely under the protection of armed units.



A lone sentry stands guard to provide cover for SWAT units before the main assault.

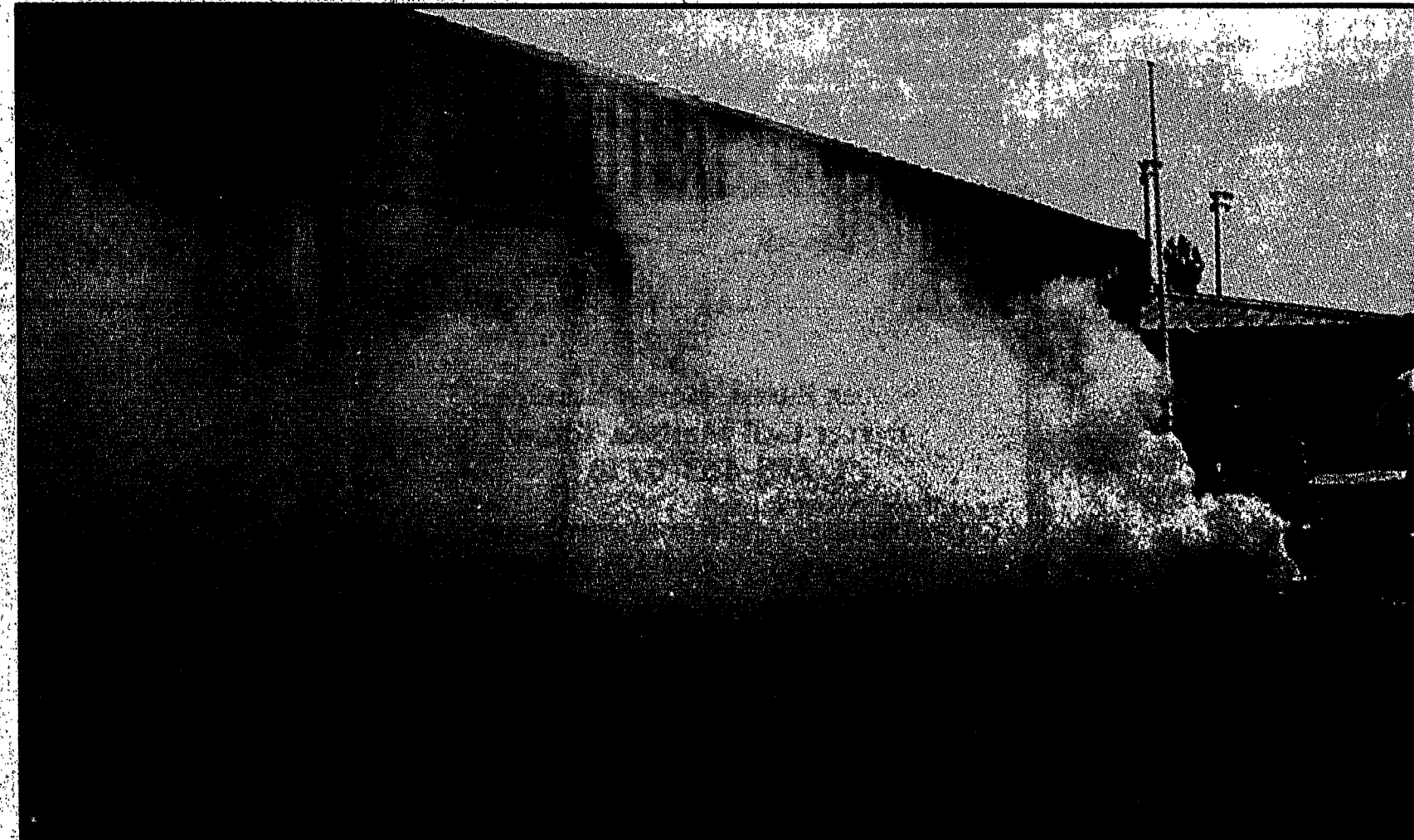
Right, the SWAT Team set up a command post to direct the mock hostage situation at Hancock High School.



Below, SWAT Teams threw smoke bombs before launching an all-out assault to enter the high school.



The assault began after fellow SWAT Team members recovered hostages safely from the high school.



BIRTHS

HANNAH

Veronica A. Strickland and William P. Kimbrell II of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a daughter, Hannah, May 21, 1999 at 12:08 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Linda White and C. J. Chewning of New Orleans.

Paternal grandparents are Mary Ann Becker and William P. Kimbrell Sr. of Bay St. Louis. Great-grandparents include Lurlyn White of New Orleans and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Joseph Becker.

Hannah is welcomed by her sisters Corynn, Jamie and Alexis.

JAYLA NICOLE
FERGUSON

Jay Ferguson and Nicole Mauffray of Nacaise Crossing announce the birth of their first child, Jayla Nicole, May 12, 1999 at 8:37 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are C. J. and Diane Mauffray of The Kiln.

Paternal grandparents are Norman & Lou Ferguson of Nacaise Crossing.

Great-grandparents include the late Hubert Bilbo and Mary Ellen Bilbo, the late Peck Mauffray and Willietta Mauffray, the late Aven J. Peterson and Ethel Peterson, the late J. D. Ferguson and Cora Ferguson.

KAYLA RASHEA
SEAWRIGHT

Thomas and Shantel Seawright of Kiln, announce the birth of their second child, Kayla Rashea, May 12, 1999 at 2:49 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Mrs. Seawright is the former Shantel Ellis.

Maternal grandparents are Mary and Frank T. Ellis Jr. of Kiln.

Paternal grandparents are Judy Schwartz of Bay St. Louis and Otis Bilbo of Pass Christian.

Great-grandparents are Louvenia and Louis Roberts of Kiln.

Kayla Rashea is welcomed by her brother, Kelton Kyle.

TYEASHAE LASHAY
LEWIS

Tyrone and Burnice Lewis of Waveland announce the birth of their third child, Tyeashae Lashay, May 13, 1999 at 8:52 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 4 pounds, 1 ounce.

Mrs. Lewis is the former Burnice Thomas.

Maternal grandparents are Marie James and Allen James of Waveland.

Paternal grandmother is Olie Lee Butler of Waveland.

Great-grandparent is L. R. Nell Thomas of Waveland.

Tyeashae Lashay is welcomed by Tyrone and Jermaine.

COLE SCOTT
BEAN

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bean of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Cole Scott, April 4, 1999 at 8:07 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. He weighed 8 pounds.

Mrs. Bean is the former Nicole Knopf.

Maternal grandparents are Susan Lee of Piquette and Ronald Knopf of Jacksonville, Fla.

Paternal grandparents are Ginger Bean of Piquette and Terry Bean of Pass Christian.

Great-grandparents include Joyce Gotzman, Lancaster and Cleo Bean and Ed and Louise Zoerner.

Cole is welcomed by brother Caleb.

TYLER MORGAN
HASKINS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Haskins of Diamondhead announce the birth of their first child, Tyler Morgan, March 22, 1999 at 5:32 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

Mrs. Haskins is the former Vickie Downie.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Morton Downie of Diamondhead.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Haskins of Bossier City, La.

DAKOTA STORM
BLANTON

Patrick Blanton and Sheila

Favre of Kiln announce the birth of their second child, Dakota Storm, April 9, 1999 at 3:29 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Clyde A. Favre Sr. and Olivia J. Favre of Pass Christian.

Paternal grandparents are Victor Blanton Sr. of Gulfport and Patricia Peralta of Mississippi.

Great-grandparents include Vivian Hill of Port Wentworth, Ga., and the late Ollie Ellis, the late Forrest Favre Sr. and Rita Favre of Bay St. Louis, the late Ernest Peralta Sr. and Patricia Peralta of Louisiana and Thelma Blanton of Orange Grove.

Dakota Storm is welcomed by sister Brianna Leigh.

MARIAH NICOLE
PAIGE

Nicole S. Paige of Pass Christian announces the birth of a daughter, Mariah Nicole, April 9, 1999 at 8:03 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Grandparents are Linda Rabeau of Pass Christian and the late Russell Paige.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Consuel Dedeaux Sr.

TYLER WALTER
OGLESBY

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Oglesby Jr. of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Tyler Walter, April 13, 1999 at 4:25 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. He weighed 3 pounds, 14 ounces.

Mrs. Oglesby is the former Michelle Welch.

Maternal grandparents are Diana Baldwin and Frank May of Bay St. Louis and Mario Welch of New Orleans.

Paternal grandparents are Sandra Oglesby and Bobby Oglesby Sr. of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. William Welch of New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Louis O'Rourke of New Orleans and Ms. Inez of Bay St. Louis.

JULIA LAFOXE
CARPENTER

Mr. and Mrs. Fox Carpenter of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a daughter, Julia LaFuxe, April 10, 1999 at 2:18 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

Mrs. Carpenter is the former Cindy Harvey.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harvey of Pass Christian.

Paternal grandparents are Fred and LaFuxe Bilbo of Gulfport.

Julia is welcomed by sisters Chandler and Lauren.

JACOB ETHAN
CLEMENS

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Clemens of Diamondhead an-

nounce the birth of their second child, Jacob Ethan, April 13, 1999 at 3:38 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Mrs. Clemens is the former Eve Versiga.

Maternal grandparents are Doug Versiga of Kansas City, Mo. and Connie Versiga of Gautier.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Patrick F. Clemens of Pascagoula.

Jacob is welcomed by sister Bailey Catherine.

SAMANTHA GRACE
DEFRAITES

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney G. DeFraites III of Clermont Harbor announce the birth of their second child, Samantha Grace, April 14, 1999 at 7:29 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Mrs. DeFraites is the former Angela Bourgeois.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bourgeois Jr. of Reserve, La.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sydney G. DeFraites Jr. of Gretna, La.

Great-grandmother is Mrs. Gus Bourgeois Sr. of Gramercy, La.

Samantha is welcomed by sister Michelle.

BRYNNAN BRELAND

Mr. and Mrs. Craig M. Breland of Pass Christian announce the birth of their second child, Brynnan, April 16, 1999 at 2:07 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Mrs. Breland is the former Tera R. Ladner.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy B. Ladner of Pass Christian.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William E. Breland of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include the late Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Ladner, the late Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Breland, the late Johnny L. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Ladner and Margie Wilson.

Brynnan is welcomed by brother Justin.

IAN MITCHELL
QUINN TAYLOR

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dewayne Taylor Sr. of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their fifth child, Ian Mitchell Quinn, March 30, 1999 at 4:14 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

Mrs. Taylor is the former Tanya Mitchell.

Maternal grandparents are Ms. Juanita Thompson Mitchell of Bay St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Mitchell III of New Orleans.

Paternal grandparents are Ms. Cora Taylor of Bogie, Ala. and the late John D. Jones.

Great-grandparents include the late Mr. and Mrs. William

(Juanita) Thompson; the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Eula) Mitchell Jr.; Ms. Agnes Knox of Mobile, Ala.; the late Mr. and Mrs. Dave (Eddie Mae) Taylor; Mrs. Mary Jones of Bogie, Ala. and the late Mr. Frank Jones.

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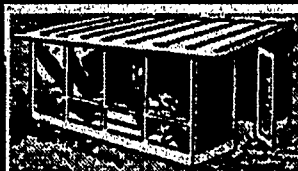
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Ballard-Booker



Cheryl Ballard and Lt. Ronald Booker

Mrs. Susie Ballard-Jackson of Little Rock, Ark., announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Cheryl Lynn Ballard, to Lt. Ronald Kenyatte Booker, son of Dr. and Mrs. Warren Booker of Mobile, Ala.

Miss Ballard, is the daughter of the late Mr. Erbert Winston Ballard and is a 1988 Little Rock Hall High School graduate. She graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1992 and is employed with GAP, Inc.

The prospective groom is a 1991 St. Stanislaus graduate and a 1996 graduate of Morehouse College. His honors include the National Honor Society, Who's Who Among High School Students, American Legion Award and First Team All-Gulf Coast in football and basketball. Lt. Booker is serving in the United States Air Force.

The marriage will take place June 26, 1999 at 7 p.m. in First Church of the Nazarene at North Little Rock. A reception will be hosted at the Officers' Club on the Little Rock Air Force Base.

McCormick-Poolson

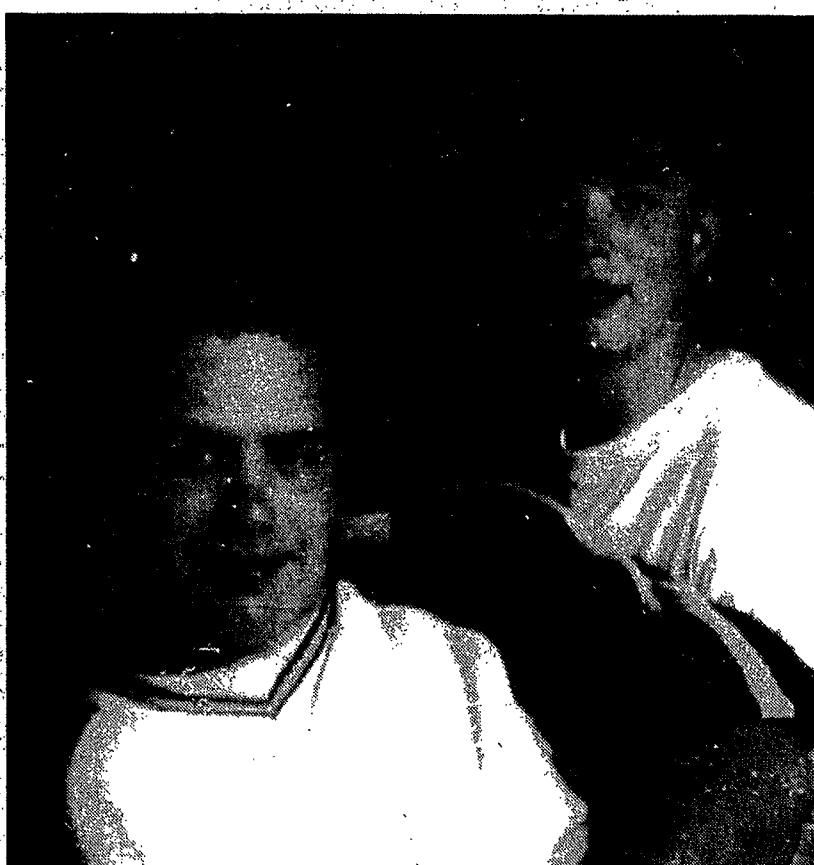
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth P. McCormick Sr. of Long Beach announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Susan C. McCormick, to Marty D. Poolson, son of Mr. Larry T. Poolson Sr. of Bay St. Louis and Ms. Joe Ann Garcia of Waveland.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Hinds Community College in Raymond with an associates degree. She is a computer specialist at Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport.

The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, West Harrison Center, with a degree in culinary arts. He is a cook at Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis.

The wedding will take place Saturday, August 7, 1999 at 2 p.m. in First Baptist Church in Long Beach.

Ellington-Brockman



Misty Ellington and Jeffrey Brockman

Michael "K.B." Ellington of Waveland announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of his daughter, Misty Ellington, to Jeffrey Brockman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Brockman of Waxahachie, Texas.

Miss Ellington is the niece of Sandra F. Henley and a 1996 graduate of Bay High School.

The prospective groom is a 1996 Maypearl High School graduate, Maypearl, Texas. Both Miss Ellington and Mr. Brockman are serving in the United States Air Force.

The wedding will take place July 5, 1999 at 7 p.m. in the Hancock County Civic Center.

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Wednesday — Spaghetti and Meatsauce, Steamer Vegetables, Chilled Peaches, Rice Krispie Treats, Hot Roll.

Thursday — Pepperoni Pizza, Buttered Corn, Fresh Garden Salad, Homemade Brownie, Vanilla Ice Cream.

Friday — Chicken Fillet on Bun, Stack of Trimmings, Seasoned Fries, Frozen Juice Bar.

Menu subject to change without notice.

Note: There will be no summer food program at Waveland Elementary due to the school renovations.

Hancock beef producers
launch new way of selling

Beef generates more sales than any other product in the fresh meat case. But consumers are still confused by many of today's beef products.

In fact, research has found that 32 percent of shoppers frequently have trouble locating a certain beef item. If they are unable to find what they want, 12 percent of those shoppers won't buy any meat at all.

Hancock County beef producers plan to increase beef sales and reduce meat case confusion with a revolutionary program that makes fresh beef easier to shop for and prepare.

Developed after four years of consumer research, the checkoff-funded "Beef Made Easy" program reorganizes the fresh beef section by cooking method. "This is more in line with how consumers think about meal preparation," says Leslie Threadgill, director of consumer information of the Mississippi Beef Council.

"Lack of cooking knowledge prevents many consumers from buying a broader range of beef products."

The program addresses these issues by grouping beef products into eight cooking method categories: oven roasts, pot roasts, steaks for braising, steaks for grilling/broiling, steaks for marinating, steaks for sauteing, beef for stewing and beef for stir-frying.

Color-coded signs and rail strips separate the eight categories, making them easier for consumers to find. In addition, on-pack labels provide simple cooking instructions so consumers can see how to prepare any given fresh beef item.

"Beef in Minutes" signage also helps designate a section for convenient beef items, such as beef kabobs, pre-marinated products, and microwaveable beef entrees.

In the more than 60 stores where the "Beef Made Easy" program has been implemented, there has already been a change in the way consumers shop for beef. One store saw a 4.1 percent increase in beef pounds moved during the first month of use, compared to the same month one year before. Another showed a 7.9 percent increase in beef pounds sold.

Meat managers noticed a increase in sale of beef cuts that had not been strong sellers before. "They also noticed a decrease in the number of consumer questions, especially about roasts," adds Threadgill.

"The program helped customers make faster purchase decisions, which is critical given today's time-pressed lifestyles."

Threadgill believes the "Beef Made Easy" approach will have a positive impact for consumers and beef producers alike. "If consumers know at the point of purchase exactly how to prepare any fresh beef item, Threadgill says, they will have more confidence in their cooking skills and be more inclined to expand the number and types of beef products they buy at the supermarket."

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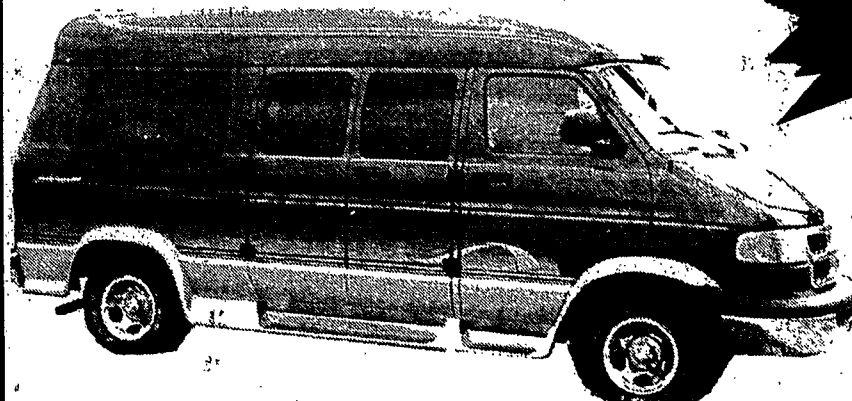
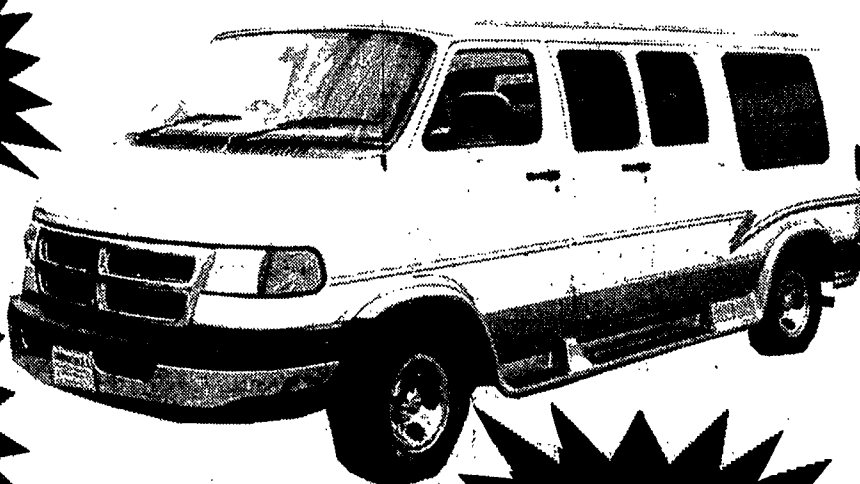
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TOPS Queen Runner-up

Karen Niolet, left, Waveland's TOPS #MS233 was crowned State Queen Runner-up to MS State Queen Gail Forstner, New Hope, of TOPS #MS228 in Laurel. Niolet had a weight loss of 49.50 lbs.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Gail Forstner of TOPS MS 288 New Hope, was crowned MS State Queen when approximately 400 TOPS members met in laurel at the Ramada Inn for their annual statewide convention.

Forstner lost 68.50 pounds to reach her goal weight. She said self-discipline combined with some type of exercise and the motivation of attending her chapter meeting each week were tools for successfully attaining this goal.

Karen Niolet of MS 233 Waveland was crowned State Queen Runner-up with a loss of 49.50 pounds.

Division winners from around the state were recognized during the Saturday morning session of the convention at which MS

State Coordinator Carolyn Kinabrew of Biloxi presented plaques, ribbons and flowers to each one.

Among the winners honored were Debbie Broadhead, 198 Picayune, with a loss of 68.75 pounds; Lisa Reeves, 245 Barton, with a loss of 54 pounds; Leatha Holland, 77 Lucedale, with a loss of 53 pounds; Sarah Hatampa, 35 Pascagoula, with a loss of 38.25 pounds; Melody Hatampa, 35 Pascagoula with a loss of 15 pounds; and Ronald Rose, 214 Biloxi with a loss of 52.50 pounds.

Chapters participated in a Spirit of TOPS recognition, leader and royalty parade and some entered banners in competition with the theme of "TOPS For All Seasons."

Taking home the honors were: Judge's Choice, 298 Picayune, and 201 Helena. Popular vote: 201 Helena.

Gold Star Leaders/chapters who received international recognition for attaining Gold Star status during an 11-month period were: Trish Anglada, 19 Ocean Springs; Imogene Stockman, 35 Pascagoula; Marie Pope, 219 Biloxi; Mary Adamo, 281 Ocean Springs; Shirley Smith, 298 Picayune; and Ruth Barnes, 307 Waveland. Audrey Kuhn, 190 d'Iberville was recognized as runner-up in this competition.

Kinabrew presented the state plaque to TOPS MS 306 Corinth for having the best average loss per member for 1998. The award accepted by past leader Jean Brown for the chapter of 85 members had a loss of 848.75 pounds with an average per member of 9.69 pounds.

Receiving the traveling award for having the most members travel the greatest accumulative distance were 122 Ocean Springs and 281 Ocean Springs.

EDA President Mitch Stennet welcomed members to the city of Laurel and presented Carolyn Kinabrew with a copy of *The Testament* by John Grisham.

Barbara Zirkelbach of 293 Lucedale was inducted into the Century Club for having lost over 100 pounds and maintained that loss for more than one year. Century Club Alumni recognized for maintaining their 100+ pound losses were Ruby Tillman, 35 Pascagoula and Rhonda Swilley, 307 Waveland.

Fourteen Keep Off Pounds Sensibly members were presented KOPS diplomas by coordinator Kinabrew in a most impressive ceremony on Saturday afternoon. She also presented Special K charms to those KOPS alumni who remained in leeway for the entire year of 1998.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS WAVELAND 233

TOPS MS 233 met May 25 at the Waveland Public Library. There were 21 members present. The club had a visitor, Tanya Rebecca was best TOPS loser of the week with 2.25 pounds. Ruth won the incentive award, and the gift was won by Kathy. The contest to see who could win six weeks in a row was won by Elaine. She received a prize and her six-week weight loss charm. The club voted in favor of having ARD here in August of 2000.

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Pat at 467-6285.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS WAVELAND 233

TOPS MS 233 met on Tuesday, May 18th, at the Waveland Public Library. Jeanette was the weekly best loser; she lost 3.75 pounds.

We had a visitor, Kathy. Rebecca was the best loser for the quarter, Kathy was the best KOPS loser for the quarter.

Perfect attendance charms were presented to Kathy, Rose, Jeanette, Sarah, & Pat.

The club won first place at ARD for losing the most weight. The club averaged 3.44 lbs per member.

The health fair went great. We hope to see a lot of the interested people we talked to at future meetings.

A speech on self-esteem was given by guest speaker Myra.

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TOPS WAVELAND 307

TOPS Chapter MS 307 Waveland met Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library with 15 members present.

Anna was the week's best loser with 5 pounds. Mary won the incentive award. The chapter attended SRD April 30-May 1 in Laurel. Paula and Sherrie were chapter queens. They also graduated to KOPS May 1. Rhonda was given an award for perfect resume. Ruth received a Gold Star Leader Award. Nine members attended. Next year's SRD will be in Tupelo.

TOPS' web address is <http://www.tops.org>. Log on for loads of information. The weight loss chapter promotes enthusiasm, recognition, understanding and encourages sensible eating habits. Anyone interested is welcome to join.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 4:45-5:30 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and/or maintaining weight loss is welcome to visit the chapter. Call Paula A. at 467-0420 for information.

Hardy to exhibit at the Ohr Center

Gulf Coast artist Mary Hardy, working in mixed media, will exhibit a select group of her art at the George E. Ohr Arts & Cultural Center through June.

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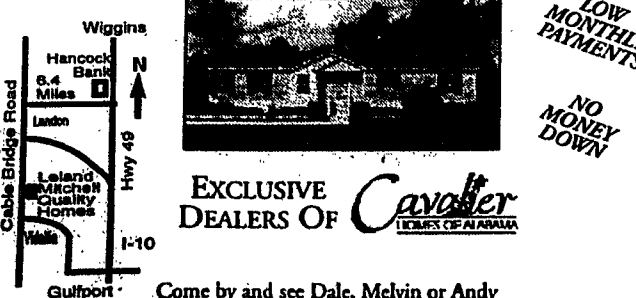
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Hancock High students assigned laptop computers

From the Mississippi Department of Education

Hancock High School freshman John Robbins got a new study partner this year.

This study partner is almost always in Robbins' presence, can do complex research in seconds and makes note taking much easier and more efficient.

This partner also helps Robbins to keep in touch with his Future Business Leaders of America advisor, along with classmates that may be out sick and need to borrow his notes or receive updates on class assignments.

"It's hard to imagine not having this kind of help any time I need it," Robbins said.

Robbins' efficient study partner is the StudyPro, a laptop computer made by the Atlanta-based NetSchools Corporation.

All ninth through 12th-grade students at the school are assigned the computers and are allowed to use them both in the classroom and at home.

"Students use them in class to take lecture notes, to do research on the Internet, to write essays and to do other projects," said Frances Weiler, Hancock County School District's curriculum coordinator. "There are countless ways these laptops can be used in the classroom and at home."

The wireless laptop computers have a heavy-duty design engineered with the haphazard lifestyles of teenagers in mind.

"I'm not going to say they are entirely child-proof," said Rick Saucier, the district's technology coordinator. "But I think they come close. They have a waterproof keyboard and a magnesium case. That makes them tough. The ports are covered with thick, rubber flaps. You can drop it, and it will be OK. It can take some abuse."

As school was drawing to a close in May, only one laptop was reported missing.

"We had one that was destroyed in a car accident," Wiler said. "But there was no way that could be avoided... for the most part, our students are enthusiastic about these computers. They don't want to be forced to do without theirs, so they've taken care of them."

The decision to provide each 9-12 student with a laptop was the result of district efforts to give all students the same opportunities.

"Some children already had computers and because of that, they had certain advantages," Saucier said. "But with this program, all students have access to the same technology. There's a unique sense of equity. I think that's important."

In the evenings, students are expected to recharge their computers at home. In the classroom, the computers are connected to the district's network through infrared light sensors mounted in the ceilings of each classroom.

"After several days, computers that are not connected back into the network freeze," Saucier said. "That means we

have a built-in anti-theft device. This computer is useless to someone who has stolen it and who is outside our system."

The school's teachers were required to undergo intensive training designed to help them use the laptops to enhance instruction.

But the district did not stop with teacher training. Parents also were required to participate in a two-hour training program and were provided with a manual.

"We wanted to help our parents understand how this tool is used and how it works," Weiler said. "And we wanted them to see how technology can help their children in the classroom."

The decision to purchase the laptops came after a great deal of discussion.

"We felt that our elementary, middle and junior high students had more access to technology than our high school students," Weiler said. "So, we decided we wanted to increase our technology at the high school... we wanted each student to have a computer in each class."

Concerns about how to wire classrooms for 25 to 30 desktop computers prompted district officials to consider laptops. "When we started thinking about how to wire each classroom with 25 or 30 computers, we started to see that we had some challenges," Weiler recalled. "Not long after that, we started to think that laptops were a reasonable solution."

The innovative program -- one of just 13 nationwide -- cost the district about \$2 million, which came from several sources, including district funds, technology funds and bond issue proceeds.

A large chunk of the overall cost of the program was used to pay for system infrastructure, installation, training and technical support. About 1,100 laptops were purchased for students, along with 63 for teachers. Printers also were purchased for each classroom.

Using special NetSchools software, teachers can search for Internet sites that can be used to help teach objectives outlined in Mississippi's Curriculum frameworks.

"The fact that they were able to go in and match our Internet searches with the information in our curriculum really sold me," Weiler said. "I wanted something I knew would enhance the state's curriculum and this definitely does it. It's an amazing instructional tool."

The special software also filters out objectionable sites,

blocking student access.

Having software that can match objectives to Internet sites has been helpful, Weiler said.

"Before, I would sometimes spend hours trying to help teachers find appropriate sites," she said. "Now, the teacher can accomplish that in a matter of seconds."

Teachers have used the laptops in a variety of ways.

In one social studies class, for example, students pretended to be travel agents for elementary students. High school students researched an assigned country on the Internet, and then wrote reports providing their young friends with advice on how to plan their imaginary trip, where to go and what to expect. Information was e-mailed back and forth over a period of several days.

"I learned a lot planning those trips," said sophomore Jake Wilson, 16. "We would have had a hard time doing that without the laptops."

Senior Gabrielle Mitchell said she has enjoyed using the Internet to access a number of newspapers around the country.

"I've used the newspapers to do my research," said Mitchell, 18. "We used the laptops for work on current events. I was surprised by how much information I could really find."

Biology Teacher Melinda Miller uses the laptops to help her students develop a clearer picture of how the human body works.

"Normally, we do not have access to a lot of slides because they are expensive," Miller said. "But on the Internet, you can find a lot of slides and other models that bring it all to life. It's amazing to find out what's really available on the Internet. It's given my students so many opportunities."

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Bordelon finalist in Miss. Jr. Teen

Miss Amy Bordelon, daughter of Denise and Robert Bordelon, of Pearlinton, has been accepted as a State Finalist in the Miss Mississippi American Jr. Teen Pageant to be held June 12-13 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Jackson, Miss.

The winner of the Miss Mississippi American Jr. Teen Pageant in each division will receive a cash award of \$500, official crown, banner, and \$300 in travel expenses to compete in the National Miss American Coed Pageant in Orlando, Fla., where thousands of dollars in cash awards, scholarships, and prizes will be awarded.

Each state winner will also receive admission and transportation for two to Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

The Miss Mississippi American Jr. Teen Pageant is for tomorrow's leaders. It is open to girls between the ages of 3-20 years, with goals and dreams based on inner beauty, poise, appearance, scholastic achievement, an all-American spirit for school, and her performance on stage.

The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl who enters and helps her set goals for the future.

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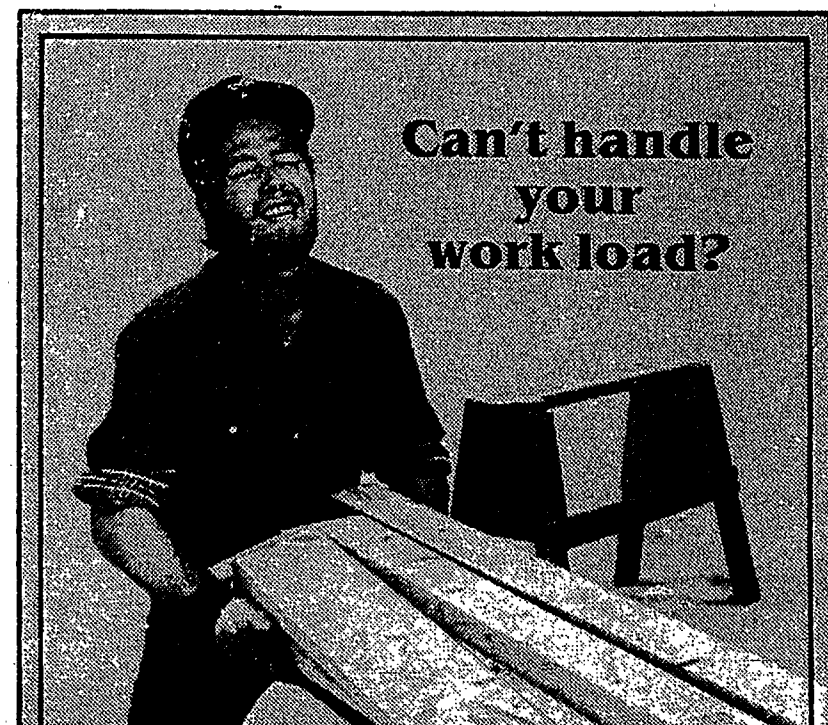
Amy Bordelon

contests such as talent, speech, and photogenic.

Bordelon is sponsored by family and friends.

Her hobbies include dancing, cheerleading and gymnastics.

Her ambition is to become a model.



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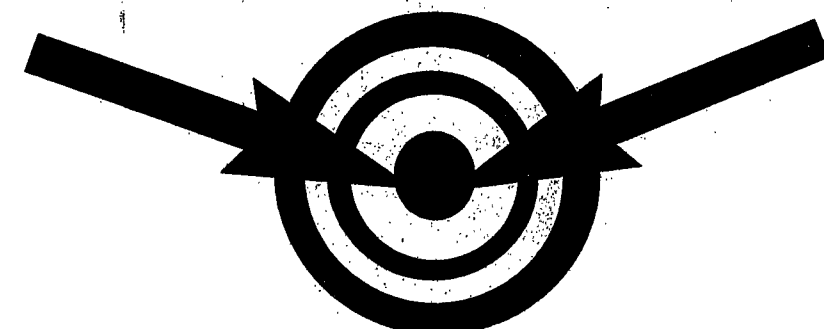
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Hank Williams Festival set for June 4-5 in Ala.

The 20th annual "Salute To a Legend" honoring Hank Williams Sr. will be held the weekend of June 4-5 at the Hank Williams Park in Georgiana, Ala.

The first weekend of June, this south central Alabama town sets aside two days to honor its native son, who died at the age of 29.

The festivities actually begin June 3 at 6:30 p.m. At that time the winner of the Hank Williams Song Writing Contest will be announced. The activities begin on Friday,

June 4 with singing by local and regional bands and members.

Ticket prices are \$10. A barbecue dinner will be held 5-7 p.m. Price is \$8.

Rock Killough & The Dixie Flyers will kick the night-time entertainment off at 7 p.m. Gene Watson will take the state at 8:30 p.m.

Activities will get underway Saturday at 10 a.m. Well known bands that will be playing are the Clent Holmes and Brad Magness & his Flying Buffaloes. Holmes was one of

the original Drifting Cowboys.

In addition to Holmes, several more old-time musicians who played with Williams will be on stage singing, playing and signing autographs.

BillyJoe Royal will take the stage at 3 p.m. A native of Valdosta, Ga., Royal is long-time artist whose songs have reached all type of audiences.

After success in both the country and pop fields, and hits that stretched from the '60s into the 90's it's obvious that he continues doing something right.

Jett Williams, Hank's daughter will take the stage at 7:15 p.m. Saturday. She will be playing her father's lonesome sounds as well as some of her own songs.

John Anderson will come on stage at 9 p.m.

The Hank Williams Park and Museum, the site of the festival, is located one mile east of I-65 on Hwy. 106 (Exit 114). Festival activities begin Thursday at 6 p.m. with the Hank Williams Song-Writing Contest.

During the festival fans will be able to meet and listen to several members of Hank's band, The Drifting Cowboys. Band members are Clent Holmes, Braxton Schufert, Pee Wee Moultrie, Lum York and Bernice Turner.

Friday schedule: Music starts at 4 p.m., featuring local and regional singers and bands, barbecue diner, 5-7 p.m., cost \$8, Rock Killough & Dixie Flyers, 7 p.m.; Gene Watson performs 8:30-10 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults.

Saturday schedule: Music all day, beginning at 9 a.m. Billy Joe Royal, 3 p.m.; Jett Williams, 7:30 p.m.; John Anderson, 9 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults/\$8 for children. Admission to the festival on Saturday also includes admission to the Hank Williams Boyhood Home and Museum.

The festival is basically an outdoor event. The park has added a protective roof-shelter in case of rain, but there is no reserved seating, and everyone should bring a lawn chair.

For information on the 1999 Hank Williams Song-Writing Contest, contact George Rohm at 334-666-2097. For all other festival information, call the Georgiana City Hall at 334-376-2396.

Tricentennial Commission to hold auditions for 'Biloxi' at Saenger

The Biloxi Tricentennial Commission's Arts and Culture Committee, chaired by Bill Raymond, will hold auditions June 6 at 2 p.m. at the Saenger Theatre in Biloxi for the play, 'Biloxi,' which will be presented Aug. 31-Sept. 11.

The play, first produced in 1979, was written by Biloxian David Sheffield, who later achieved success as a writer for movie and television projects, most notably 'Saturday Night Live' and 'Coming to America.'

"The Tricentennial performance, which will be directed by Kinard Fite, will mark the 20th anniversary of the play's original production," says Raymond. "It will be performed at the Saenger Theatre, and proceeds from ticket sales will help pay for the Saenger restoration project."

The play is a story about human relationships and centers around several families of different ethnic origins. The story unfolds as a love relationship develops between a young man of French descent and a young woman of Yugoslav descent. It portrays the obstacles they face as a result of their ethnic

differences. Sheffield interjects the story with humorous depictions of the 1699 landing of Perre LeMoyne Sieur d'Iberville and the arrival of the famed Casquette Girls, who came to the Coast in the early 18th century to marry French Colonial settlers.

The play also recalls somber events in Coast history that affected the lives of the Biloxi families: the disastrous storm of 1901, the shrimper's strike in 1904, the yellow fever epidemic of 1995 and the doomed Deer Island Improvement Company, which opened in 1915.

Sheffield had hoped the play would become an annual presentation after its debut in the summer of 1979, but that idea never came to fruition. He is currently working on revisions to the play for its Tricentennial run, but Raymond says he is not ready to make any specific announcements about the revisions. What he will say is that the production will involve actors from several community theaters.

"It's being produced by the Biloxi Tricentennial Commission in cooperation with the Bi-

loxi Little Theatre, Center Stage and KNS Theatre," he says, pointing out that it will create an exciting opportunity for audiences to see a wealth of talented performers from different theater groups come together in one show.

Those who would like to review the script may do so at the Biloxi Public Library on Laumuse Street, which has a copy of the play on reserve.

Ohr Center announces juried exhibition

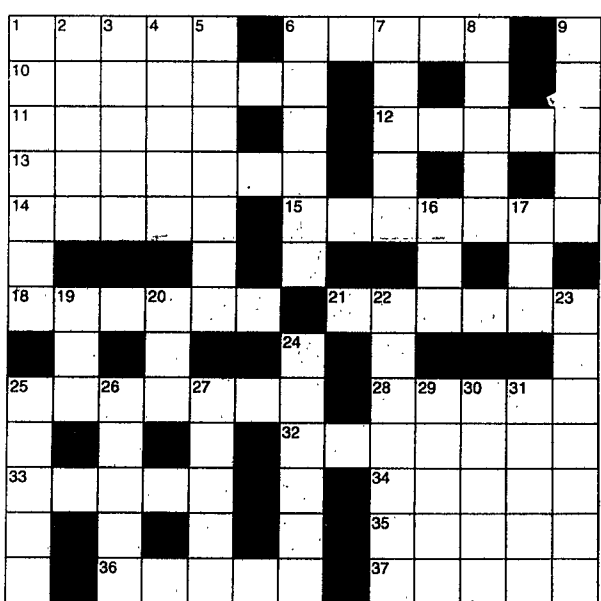
Featured in the Ohr Center's Lila Wallace Gallery through June is a juried collection of 70 works of art ranging from oil and watercolor painting to stoneware and photography.

The annual exhibition features art created by an alliance of professional artists, with currently over 600 members along the Gulf Coast.

Jo Patton, established artist from Fairhope, Ala. was chosen to jury the 1999 exhibition. Working in watercolor, Patton has received national recognition and has been displayed in galleries and museums throughout the United States.

The artist's reception will be hosted at the Ohr Center Friday, June 11, 6-8 p.m. with light hors d'oeuvres and wine.

Entertainment will be The Castaways, featuring the multi-talented Rita Meadows on vocals.



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1. Ancient stone
6. Ghostly pale
10. North star
11. Expect eagerly
12. Voluble
13. Did one more time
14. Winter vehicles
15. Summit
18. Gypsy language
21. Draw apart
25. Nice
28. Prosecutor
32. Of the desert
33. More innocuous
34. French river
35. Opens up
36. Slides down
37. Comforts

CLUES DOWN

1. Thinner
2. Bath linen
3. Fill with high spirits
4. Land proprietor
5. Craftsman
6. Actor's lines
7. Dutch city
8. Lofly
9. City on Nile
16. Inlet
17. Cavity
19. Misfit
20. Fabric
22. Recast
23. Control
24. Assaults
25. Scandinavian gods
26. Transverse flutes
27. Chemical element
29. 12th century Japanese family
30. Conductor's stroke
31. Rajah's wife

SOLUTIONS ACROSS

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18. Romany
21. Branch
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35. Pries
36. Sinks
37. Eases

SOLUTIONS DOWN

1. Sparser
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Local students inducted into USM Honor Society

Twenty University of Southern Mississippi students from the Coast area were inducted into Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society April 20.

About 260 USM students accepted an invitation to join Gamma Beta Phi this spring, bringing the campus chapter's membership to approximately 300 students this year.

The Oak Ridge, Tenn.-based organization, open to students ranking in the top 20 percent of their class, stresses academic excellence, community service and good character.

Local students inducted include:

Stacey Slater of Pass Christian, 21, a junior athletic training major, daughter of Charles and Shelia Slater.

Kati Dedeaux of Bay St. Louis, 20, a junior nutrition and dietetics major, daughter of Roger and Shelley Dedeaux.

Christopher Estrade of Bay St. Louis, 19, a freshman architectural and construction engineering technology major, son of Melvin and Susan Estrade.

Gabrielle Lewis of Pass Christian, 18, a freshman management information systems major, daughter of Edward Jr. and Doris Lewis.

John Guy of Bay St. Louis,



Jordan Hall

Hall is finalist in LA Pre-teen America

Jordan Elizabeth Hall, daughter of Tom and Gwen Hall of Tickfaw, La., has been selected as a finalist in the 1999 Pre-Teen Louisiana Scholarship and Recognition Program to be held June 18-20 at the Radisson Hotel in Baton Rouge.

Pre-Teen Louisiana is a by-invitation-only scholarship and recognition event involving young ladies 7 to 12 based on their school academic records, awards and honors won and/or their participation in outside activities.

Additionally, young ladies are invited who have been recognized publicly for their outstanding personal achievements, volunteer services, school involvement, leadership abilities or creative talents.

Pre-Teen Louisiana will award over \$5,000 in educational bonds, prizes and awards.

Jordan is the niece of Dr. and Mrs. Murphree of Waveland.

Diamondhead family expecting German student



Robert Seifarth

Robert Seifarth from Bietenheim-Bissingen, Germany, will be arriving in August to live in Diamondhead. He will be living with Mr. William Chapman. He will attend Hancock High School.

Seifarth, 17, considers some of his interests to be basketball, reading, skiing, soccer and movies. He also enjoys swimming and listening to music.

He has several goals to

accomplish during his stay in the United States. He hopes to learn more about the American culture by becoming a member of the Chapman family and he hopes to share his culture with his host family, high school and the community of Diamondhead.

Seifarth is a participant in the United Studies Student Exchange Program which offers students from around the world the opportunity to study in an American high school and become a part of an American home through a host family.

He will be locally represented during his academic year by Suzanne Dixon of Gulfport.

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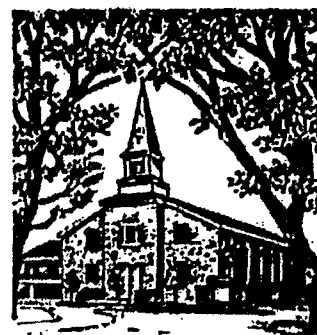
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By Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD

Sturdily built, effervescent, a tireless and skilled worker looking only for an honest dollar, Waldo bounced into a neighborhood grocery store to make a purchase for a friend. Ill-advised, he held a 20-dollar bill openly in his hand.

"Don't you have something there for me?" a voice challenged him as soon as he entered the store.

Thoroughly confused, Waldo eyed the intruder and asked: "What are you talking about?"

"I said, don't you have something there for me?"

"Look, man, I don't play around like that!" Waldo responded, clutching his money. "What are you going to do about it?" The youth had become defiant by now, flapping his shirt up and down for emphasis.

Whereupon, he attacked Waldo with flailing fists.

Waldo dropped him in his tracks with a single, clean blow to the head. As the humiliated crumpled to the floor, a dozen or so of his teen-age cohorts jumped Waldo, beat him with their fists, and kicked him until they heard, "Police!"

He must have been shielded by a Higher Power, because Waldo sustained only a swollen eye, puffed lips, a few contusions, a bit of soreness and a partially chipped tooth.

When I heard the sad account, I felt happy for Waldo, that he had acquitted himself so well amid life-threatening, frightening circumstances, and with light injuries to boot.

At the same time, I was saddened that the ugly incident had happened and that late-teen adolescents felt compelled

to use violence as a statement of who and what they were. Abject failure and low self-esteem were all they managed to say.

Urban wolfpacks such as this leave us in a terrible quandary. Should we attempt to abridge our youngsters' right of assembly, thereby offending against the First Amendment? Most youthfully gatherings are noisy, maybe annoying, but innocent.

Well, the right to peaceful assembly stops where the safety and well-being of others are impugned by those assembled. What we and the police need to focus on are the known hot spots of intimidation, robbery and drug dealing.

Not surprisingly, those of us who live in given neighborhoods know exactly which and where those places are. Which means the police know it too. There is a ray of hope in that the store where Waldo was mugged has been shut down.

However, closures and the physical control of roving urban wolfpacks are only the beginning, as we well know. The real problem is reaching back into the quasi-homes of the errant teens whose only identity is statements of violence.

Which brings us back repeatedly to a statistic and a necessity. We adults of all ages outnumber overwhelmingly all the at-risk children in this country. Conservatively, if each of us took one child on, all our children would be covered.

Our first task is to assist the parents themselves when-ever possible in rearing their young. After that, our task becomes a "Big Sister," "Big Brother," "Each One Save One" type of si-

Counter violence with attention

tuation where we go attentively one on one.

Since avoidable violence is always an admission of failure, whether between spouses, between parents and children, be-

tween siblings or between people in the marketplace, we need a massive counterattack covering all the above.

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This week's clue: E equals N

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Proverbs 30:3 (C) 1999 Charles Marx 99-22

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Y2K and the Bible

Y2K is generating a lot of discussion, work and even panic. We hear exhortations to store food, water and other essentials. Some experts predict runs on banks, extensive power outages, empty store shelves and economic recession. The turn of the millennium is significant. Reactions run from calm to chaos.

Why the date? Why this specific measure of time? We are about to enter year 2000 A.D. The abbreviation is for anno Domini, Latin for "in the year of our Lord."

The Lord is Jesus Christ. The count begins at His birth. We are 2,000 years from the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As we think about it, what is significant about Y2K? Will there be economic disruptions or natural catastrophes? Perhaps. But Y2K brings us ever closer to the end of this era and the Second Coming of Christ. The Bible urges us to look "for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus" (Titus 2:13).

Many urge immediate preparation for Y2K. The Bible's message is far more urgent. "You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect" (Luke 12:40). Y2K pales in insignificance as we think about the actual end of history. Are we prepared to meet Jesus Christ at His coming?

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Speaker for Tuesday, will be Rev. Willie Gautier, pastor of St. Andrews A.M.E. Church, Gulfport; Wednesday, Dr. Roslyn Ebenhart of Lillie Rock Missionary Baptist Church, Gulfport; and Thursday, Rev. Harvey Graham, pastor of First

Baptist Church, Kiln. Orealia Marshall, youth director said, "We invite your church family to worship with us during this revival. We ask that you bring your church choir, group, or soloist to render two selections on the night of your choice. We encourage you to share any type of talent you may have."

Rev. Eddie C. Brazier is pastor of the Greater Mount Zion A.M.E. Church, Pearlington.

Child care focus of legislative hearing

Mississippi's state child-care plan will be the focus for a June 1 hearing at the State Capitol, sponsored by the Legislative Black Caucus' Political Education & Economic Development Foundation.

The hearing is set to begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, in Room 216.

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Caucus spokesperson Sen. Barbara Blackmon of Canton said the hearing is being held to explore a wide range of questions about child care in Mississippi, especially about administration of federal Child Care Development Block Grants.

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150 Unfurn. Houses For Rent

3 BR/2 BA, 311 CARROLL AVE., BSL, \$575/mo. Call 467-2053.

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WAVELAND 2BR, 1 1/2 BA, central air, fireplace, large wooded lot, dogs o.k. \$570/month. Available July 18. 463-1510.

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151 Furn. Houses For Rent

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156 Lots/Acreage

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158 Commercial Property

1200 SF OFFICE FOR LEASE in Hancock Square, Hwy 90, Bay St. Louis, \$850/mo. 467-4437.

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LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION. Coast Plaza, Highway 90 & McLaun St. 228-466-3333.

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161 Condo Rent/Sale

CONDO FOR RENT: 2BR/2 1/2 BA, completely furnished. West Beach in Long Beach. Private patio & balcony. 6 month-1 year lease. 228-497-5644.

Public Notice

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF
ANISAE C. ALBARES, Deceased
CAUSE NO. 990354

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 12 day of May, 1999, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Anisae C. Albares, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

J. P. COMPRETTA
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 57
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228) 467-1010
MS Bar No. 06429
5-16; 5-23; 5-30-99

Public Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, until 11:00 a.m., June 28, 1999, and shortly thereafter publicly opened for:

CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCESSION STAND AND LIGHTING AT THE GULFVIEW BALLFIELD
Bid specifications are available upon request, from Coast Drafting Services, Inc., 206 Hwy 90, Suite 5, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, phone number (228) 467-5200. A non-refundable deposit is required in the amount of \$50.00 to obtain a copy of bidding documents. A copy of bid specifications are on file, for review only, in the office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County Courthouse, 150 Main Street, P.O. Box 429, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520.

A bid security is required in the amount of 5% of the bid. Bid security must be in the form of a bond, certified check, or cashier's check made payable to the Owner (Hancock County).

A Performance and Payment Bond is required at the time of the contract in the amount of 100% of the contract sum.

All envelopes must be marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ENCLOSED" and state the item bid on and the bid opening date.

All envelopes must be stamped filed in the Hancock County Chancery Clerk's Office, Hancock County Courthouse, 150 Main Street, P.O. Box 429, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 before 11:00 a.m. on the day of the bid opening.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, this 17th day of May, 1999.

Timothy A. Keller,
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Terry E. Guenard, D.C.
5-23; 5-30-99

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NO. 990311
NOTICE is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Frances Rita Romano, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 1st day of February, 1999, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim.

SO NOTICED this 3rd day of February, 1999.
MELVIN J. PRANGE, Jr., Administrator
5-16; 5-23; 5-30-99

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
NO. 990311
Notice is hereby given that the Contract between the Housing Authority of the City of Bay St. Louis, MS, on the one part, and the Robert Adams Systems, Inc., on the other part, dated 5th day of August, 1987, for the renovation of C.I.A.P. Program MS 28P064907, located at 17304 Highway 603, Klin, MS 39556 until 1:00 p.m. on June 24, 1999, to be publicly opened and read for the following purpose:

Clearing and Grubbing at Hancock Jr./Sr. High School
Specifications for the project may be obtained from the Hancock County School District Office of the Superintendent of Education located at 17304 Highway 603, Klin, MS 39556 with a non-refundable deposit of \$10.00 required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with instructions to bidders contained in the specifications. The Hancock County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids on this project and to waive any and/or all formalities.

Terry Randolph
Superintendent of Education
5-23; 5-30-99

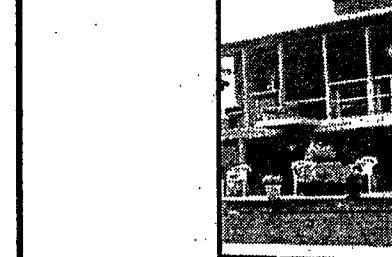
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Terry Randolph
Superintendent of Education
5-23; 5-30-99

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Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
SAM C. BENIGNO, DECEASED
BY: GERALDINE BENIGNO
ADMINISTRATRIX

SUMMONS
CAUSE NO. 990359
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF SAM C. BENIGNO, DECEASED:

You have been made a Defendant in the estate filed in this court by Geraldine Benigno initiating a civil action alleging that Geraldine Benigno and others named in the complaint are the sole and only heirs at law of Sam C. Benigno, deceased, and seeking an adjudication of such heirship.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 O'Clock A.M. on the 24th day of June, 1999, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Chancery Court at 308 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520 and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after said date.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 13 day of May, 1999.

Timothy Keller
Chancery Clerk
Hancock County, MS 39520
BY: Mandi Ahlers
Deputy Clerk
5-16; 5-23; 5-30-99

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
HANCOCK COUNTY
CAUSE NO. 99-0359
ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of administration having been granted on the 13th day of May, 1999, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of SAM C. BENIGNO, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

This 13th day of May, 1999.
GERALDINE BENIGNO, Administratrix
Clement S. Benvenuto,
Attorney for Administratrix
125 Court Street
P.O. Box 585
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228) 467-0744
MS BAR NO. 2435
5-16; 5-23; 5-30-99

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
HANCOCK COUNTY
ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF MABEL SCHWARTZ LA FRANCE
NO. 99-0398

Letters of administration having been granted on the 27th day of May, 1999, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of MABEL SCHWARTZ LA FRANCE, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

This 27th day of May, A.D., 1999.
Cynthia R. Hall,
Administrator
5-30; 6-6; 6-13; 6-20-99

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NO. 99-0391
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 25th day of May, 1999, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned executrix of the will and estate of JOHN H. CHANCELLOR, deceased, in Cause NO. 99-0391, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 25th day of May, 1999.
Cynthia Sue Thompson
Executrix

Paul M. Newton, Jr.
Newton and Hoff, L.L.P.
2019 22nd Avenue
Post Office Box 910
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502
Telephone: (228) 863-8827
5-30; 6-6; 6-13-99

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE TO THE HANCOCK COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

A public hearing will be held before the Hancock County Planning Commission on Thursday, June 17, 1999, at 4:00 p.m. in the Zoning Office located at 151 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 to consider the application of Timothy & April Pagas for approval of a variance to allow a rear setback of 12' for an addition on an existing home at 10300 Quail Way Lot 2, Blue Meadow Ridge Subdivision, Phase 1, Hancock County, Mississippi. The property in question lies in a R-2 Zone, which requires a rear setback of 20'.

Those interested in more information on the above matter may visit the Zoning Office or call (228) 467-4157 (228) 466-4277 during regular business hours, which are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Willis Gurney
Hancock County Building Official
5-30-99

Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MABEL SCHWARTZ LA FRANCE, DECEASED
SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
NO. 99-0398

TO: The Unknown or known heirs at law and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest as heirs of the Estate of Mabel Schwartz La France, Deceased:

You have been made a respondent in a lawsuit filed in this court by Ceyrelle R. Hall and Jules La France. The Petition filed against you is a civil action seeking to have Ceyrelle R. Hall and Jules La France adjudicated as sole and only heirs at law of the Decedent, Mabel Schwartz La France as fully set out in the Petition on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the complaint filed against you in this action to Gerald C. Gex, Attorney for Petitioner, whose address is 636 Highway 90, Waveland, MS 39576.

Your response must be filed no later than thirty days from the 30 day of May, 1999, which is the date of the first publication of this summons; if your response is not mailed or delivered, a judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You must also file an original of your response with the Clerk of Court within a reasonable time after said date.

Issued under my hand and seal of this Court, this 27th day of May, 1999.

Timothy A. Keller
Chancery Clerk
BY: Pamela Cuevas
5-30; 6-6; 6-13; 6-20-99

INVITATION TO BID
Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Commissioners of the Diamondhead Fire Protection District, Hancock County, Mississippi until 8:00 A.M. July 8, 1999, and shortly thereafter, publicly opened at the regular monthly meeting for furnishing of all necessary labor, equipment and material for fire apparatus and other equipment as outlined in the specifications and in accordance with the latest recommendations of the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1901, "Motorized Fire Apparatus", current edition.

Bid specifications are available upon request, from the Diamondhead Fire Department, 4440 Kalani Drive, Diamondhead, MS 39525, or by calling (228) 255-1314. The proposal will be opened at 8:00 A.M. on July 8, 1999, at the Diamondhead Fire Department, 4440 Kalani Drive, Diamondhead, MS 39525.

All bids must be signed. Failure to do so shall be cause the bid to be non-responsive and rejected. The Board of Commissioners of the Diamondhead Fire Protection District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Published by order of the Board of Commissioners of the Diamondhead Fire Protection District of Hancock County, Mississippi, this day May 30, 1999.
Conrad Bourgeois, Chairman
Diamondhead Fire Protection District
5-30; 6-6; 6-13-99

Fire Dogs announce new signees

The Mississippi Fire Dogs of the Indoor Professional Football League (IPFL) have announced the signing of Keith Benton, Horace Bratton and Curtis Jeter.

Benton (6'1, 180 lbs., QB) played collegiate football at University of Memphis and also played in the Canadian Football League with the B. C. Lions.

Bratton (6'2, 215 lbs., DB) was a standout defensive back at University of Northwestern Louisiana.

Jeter (5'11, 285 lbs., DL) played at UAB where he played nose guard and received the team's MVP award for his stellar performance.

John Fourcade will likely sit out this week due to swelling from orthoscopic knee surgery last week.

Keith Benton will probably see a lot of action this week against the league-leading Texas Terminators (5-1).

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TOTALLY RENOVATED! Approx 2000 sq ft on approx. 1.5 acres on Waveland Av. Gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, plumbing, wiring, air/heat plus over 1000 sq ft screened porch. Call John #96873

AREA 04
A JEWEL IN THE KILN! Unbelievable space approx 3340 sq ft, 4 bdrm/ 3.5 bth, Acadian style home nestled on private road on 3 acres of land. Call Geri #92980

4 BDRM/ 3 BTH home on large corner lot in Jourdan River Shores. many architectural antique details combined w/new construction. Call Megan/ Billy Ray #96372

HERE IT IS! Summer home on the beach w/ 4 bdrm/ 2bths. This home comes w/ a one yr warranty. Nice front porch, screened to watch the sunsets. Call Bernie #95



MEMORIAL DAY 1999

For those who sacrificed their lives defending the ideals of our country, we want to applaud their bravery and dedication, and honor their memory.

This Memorial Day message from:

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615 Nicholson Avenue.
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Great's

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Bay Plaza Shopping Center, Bay St. Louis
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Bay Carpet, Inc.

Highway. 90 & 603
Choctaw Plaza, Waveland
467-5000

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896-6287

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Marktown Shopping Center
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Carpet Mart

1261 Pass Road
Gulfport
864-4111

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117 Highway 90
Waveland
467-8246

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1643 East Pass Road
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897-2222

Preferred Stationery & Gifts

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Bay St. Louis
467-6791

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452-4616

D&D Tires & Accessories & Automotive

10139 Highway. 603 • Bay St. Louis
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Darlene's Seafood

111 West 2nd Street
Pass Christian
452-0224

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Bay St. Louis
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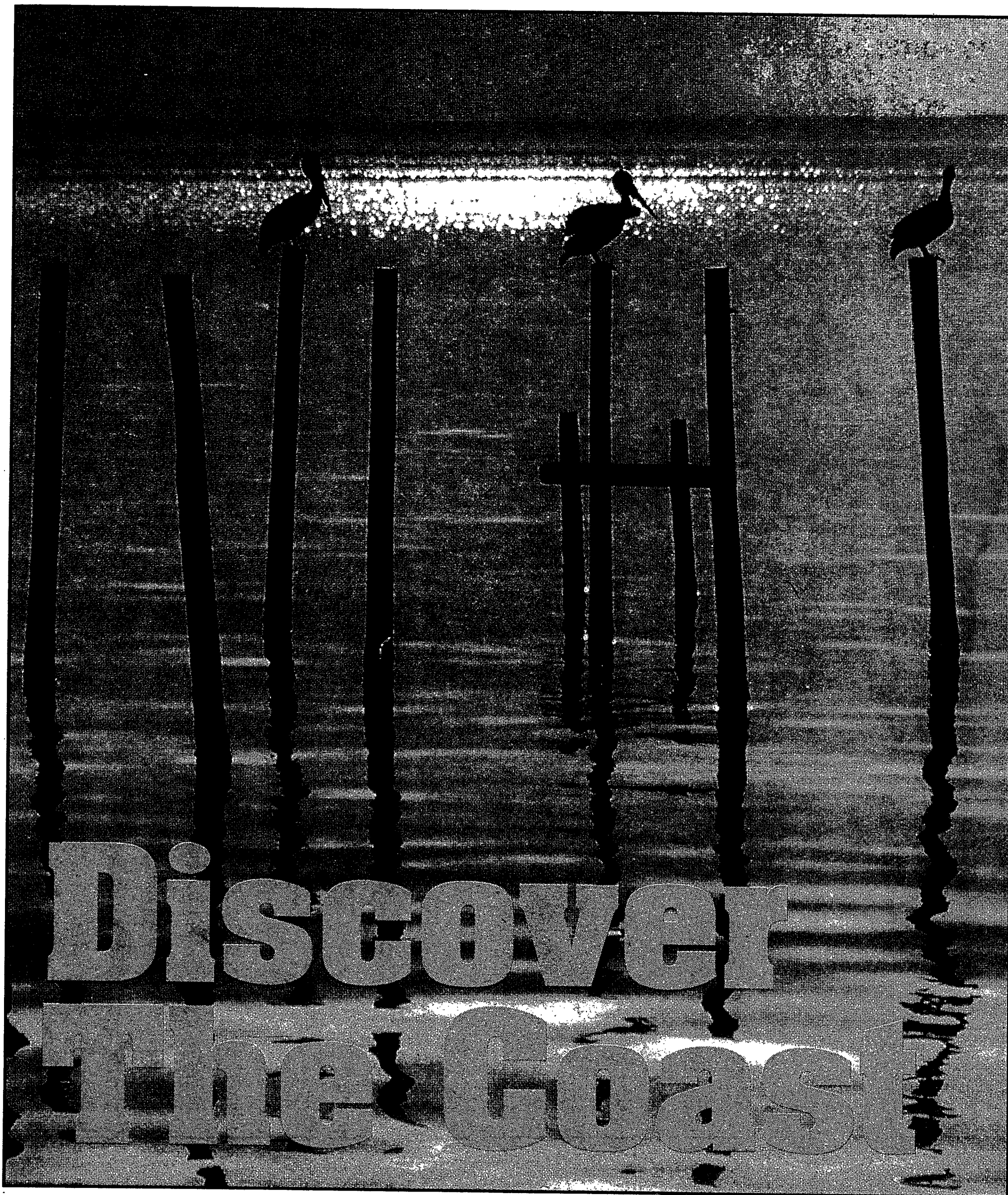
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Hancock County is the home of two public parks, Buccaneer State Park and McLeod Park, which are open year round. Buccaneer, located two miles off Highway 90 on Beach Boulevard in Waveland, features a seasonal wave pool, water slide, wading pool, game room, tennis courts, basketball courts, play areas, nature trail, outdoor amphitheater, seasonal camps and great Gulf fishing.

Colorful legends of smuggling and piracy along the Gulf Coast by Jean Lafitte and his followers led to the park's naming.

The French buccaneer was said to have even inhabited the old Pirate house, once located in Waveland.

The park site, also known as Jackson's Ridge, was used as a base of military operations by Andrew Jackson during the Battle of New Orleans.

Jackson later returned to the area and built a house on land that is now part of Buccaneer park.

In addition to primitive campsites, the park has available 500 hook-ups for water and electricity, of which 149 also have sewer and cement parking slabs.

Activities include two tennis courts, a basketball court, a shuffleboard diagram and a game room containing video games, pinball machines, pool tables and a tennis table. A wading pool, up to four-feet deep and separate from the water park, is located near the activity building within the camping complex.

Throughout the camping area are bath houses, picnic tables and grills. There is a laundry facility and dumping station.

A camp store and souvenir shop are open during the summer months. A non-denominational worship service is conducted every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. from Easter to Labor Day.

Two picnic pavilions are available for use and several picnic tables and grills are located throughout the park. Another area, located under a canopy of trees and across from the beach, is available for day visitors and offers picnic tables, grills and playground equipment.

Buccaneer's water park complex contains a wade pool with cascading water, a wave pool and double-flumed water slide.

The wave pool is surrounded by multi-level decking ideal for sunbathing, an observation

Hancock County; Home Of Two Year-Round Parks

deck, showers, rafts and a fast-food service.

McLeod Park, spread among 328 acres of rolling woodlands and divided by the Jourdan River, offers a serene retreat for locals and visitors.

The park's entrance is located north of I-10, off Highway 603, south of the Jourdan River and west along Texas Flat Road.

The park was named in honor of Albert J. and Virginia 'Aunt Gin' McLeod. Albert McLeod was a pioneer timberman from South Carolina who settled on the Jourdan River location in the early 1900s.

Here he established a large sawmill, stave mill, planer mill, turpentine plant and general mercantile store, employing about 500 people.

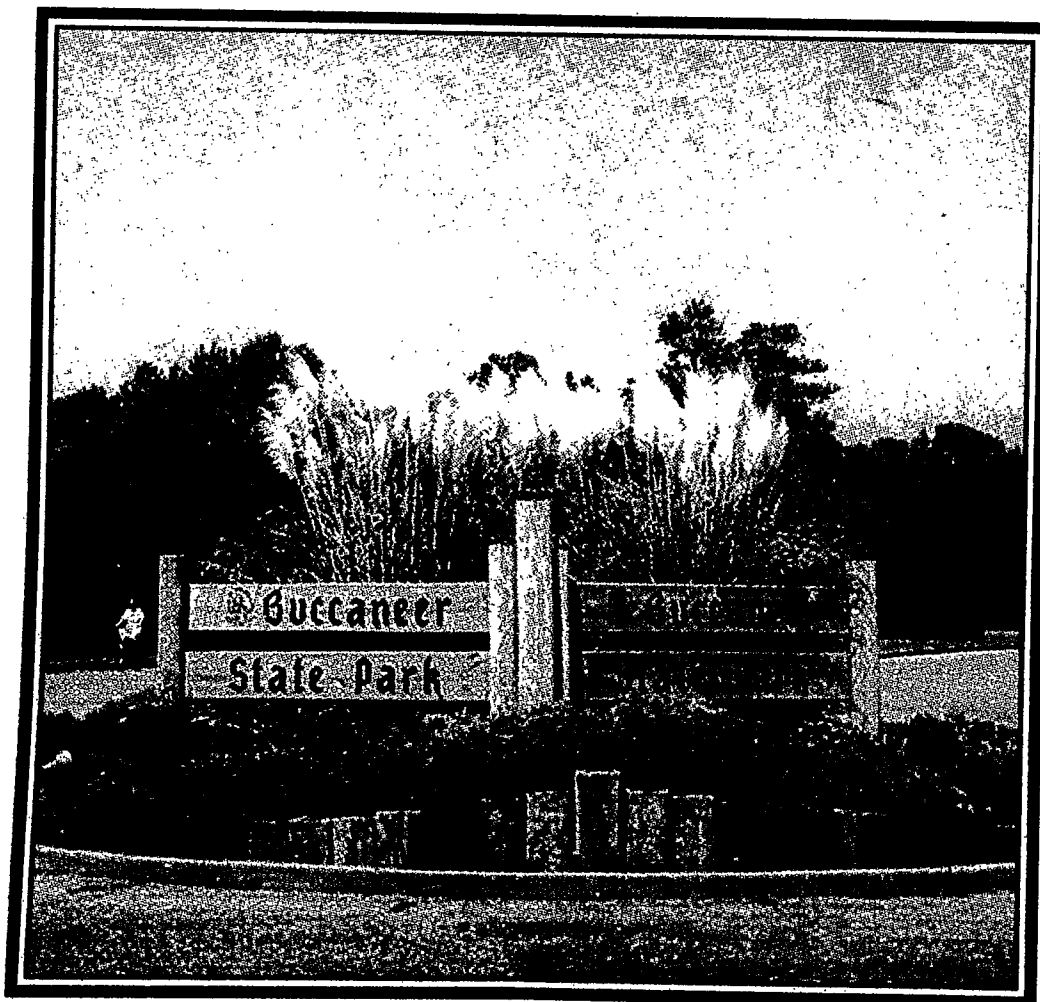
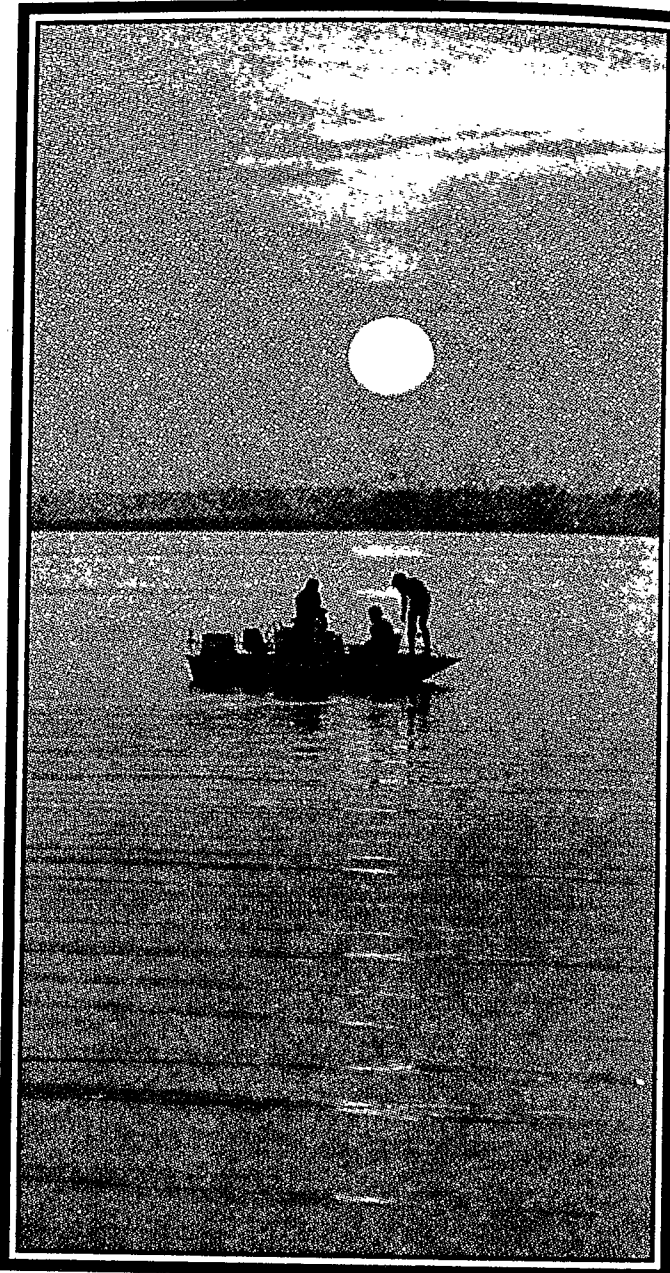
Following his death in 1931, operation of the old store was continued on a limited basis by Aunt Gin, until her death in 1973 at the age of 95.

Albert McLeod also was a member of the county board of supervisors and a member of the original commission appointed to build the Hancock County seawall.

The property itself is within the National Aeronautics and Space Administration buffer zone surrounding John C. Stennis Space Center.

The Pearl River Basin Development District accepted the park's deed with the obligation to condition development of park facilities. McLeod offers 70 camping sites. Forty-one of those sites have water and electrical hook ups. There are no sewer hook-up facilities.

The park has two pavilion areas with picnic tables and grills, a baseball field and boat launch. Canoes and paddle boats are available for daily rental.



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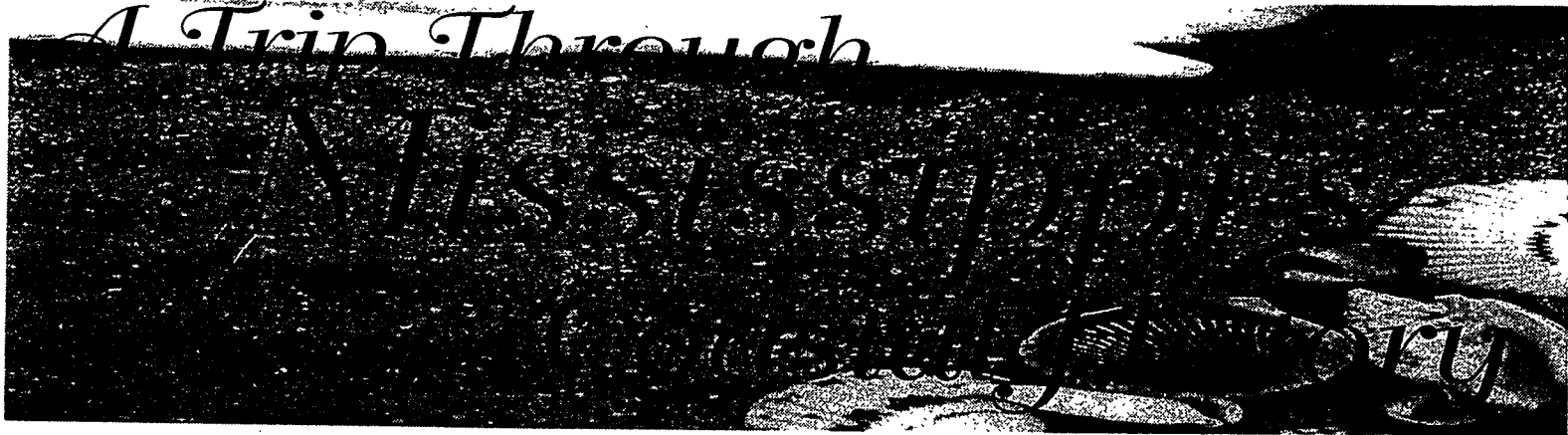
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The United States has often been called a melting pot of nations. While there are some areas of the country where that does not hold true, it is an apt description of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Biloxi alone has seen eight different flags fly on its horizon: French, English, Spanish, West Florida Republic, United States, Mississippi Magnolia, Confederate States and Mississippi State. The rest of the coast has an equally rich ethnic history. From the original Native Americans, who were members of many tribes, to the European, African, Asian and other settlers who forever changed the face of the coast, the blood of many nations runs in the veins of Mississippi's three southernmost counties.

Biloxi

One of the oldest cities in the United States, Biloxi was established as the first French settlement in the Mississippi Valley in early 1699. Pierre le Moyne d'Iberville and his brother, Jean Baptiste le Moyne Bienville, came ashore that year to claim the coast for King Louis XIV of France. Finding the waters too shallow for their boats, the men left, with d'Iberville moving his vessels to what is now Ocean Springs and Bienville going west to the area he named in honor of King Louis IX, the town still known as Bay St. Louis.

In addition to being the first French settlement in the Valley, Biloxi was the first permanent white settlement in the area, and the first capital of the Louisiana Territory. Biloxi was also the site of the first two French forts in the area, Fort Maurepas (in what is now Ocean Springs) and Fort Louis, which was located in the area between the current sites of the Biloxi Lighthouse and the Old French Cemetery. Biloxi remained the capital of the Louisiana Territory until late 1722, when the capital moved to New Orleans.

Biloxi is a namesake of the Biloxi

tribe (of the Sioux family) that inhabited the area when d'Iberville landed in 1699. The Biloxi tribe met d'Iberville when he landed, and later sealed a pact of friendship with the French people through the passing of the Calumet (peace pipe) and a bottle of French brandy.

"Biloxi" means "first people", which makes it an appropriate name for both the Indian village and the French settlement which followed. Biloxi is the only city in the U.S. and perhaps the world, which bears this name.

Biloxi contains several historic landmarks that attest to the military influence in its history. Ship Island's Fort Massachusetts was begun by Union forces in 1859, captured (still unfinished) by the Confederacy in 1861, and recaptured by the Union later the same year. Beauvoir (which means "Beautiful View" in French) was the home of Confederate president Jefferson Davis and his family from 1877 until Davis' death in 1889. Located on West Beach Boulevard next to the Coast Coliseum, it is operated as a Confederate shrine by the Sons of the Confederacy.

Keesler Air Force Base, which isn't technically a landmark, is still a vital part of Biloxi's history. The base was established in the early part of World War II, and continues in operation today as the largest electronics training center in the world.

Even the space program's history includes a Biloxi note: Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise was born there.

The Mississippi Sound's waters and resources have played a large part in shaping the city. Mullet, a plentiful food fish, were dubbed "Biloxi Bacon" during the Civil War. Shrimp and oysters play a large commercial role in the area's economy, since Biloxi is one of the world's largest canners of them.

In addition, Biloxi shares part of the world's longest manmade beach, 28 miles long.

Ocean Springs

Ocean Springs was the original site of Biloxi, then was renamed around 1720 when Biloxi was moved across the bay to its present location. The original settlement then became known as Old Biloxi.

The Indians of the area had another name for Ocean Springs. Translated into English, the Indian name was "Holy Ground", because of the mineral springs which the Indians believed had healing powers.

Ocean Springs was a small Indian trading post until it became a part of the United States in the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. The first permanent settlers began moving in, and the settlement was renamed Lynchburg in 1853 in honor of a merchant operating a trading post on Fort Bayou.

The merchant, George Lynch, was working with Rev. P.P. Bowen, a Baptist minister, at a sawmill at the Fort Bayou bridge. Bowen noticed a small stream running from the ground, and found out that it was a spring. When the water was analyzed, it was found to contain high amounts of iron and other minerals. Bowen built marble baths over the springs with separate facilities for women and men, and an influx of people began.

It is said that Dr. George Austin, planning to take advantage of the springs by establishing a sanitarium, coined the name Ocean Springs. The name stuck, and was adopted in 1854. The town quickly became a health resort, and a regular stop of the Morgan steamboat line between New Orleans and Mobile.

Local histories vary as to who named the town, however. Some attribute the name to a Mrs. Henrietta Porter, who evidently saw the tourist potential some 20 years before the rediscovery of the springs, and opened a beachfront hotel named the Ocean Springs Hotel. According to this version of the city's history, the hotel's

name was deemed suitable for the town when it incorporated in 1892.

Ocean Springs had a provisional mayor, R.A. VanCleave, before electing its first mayor, D.D. Cowan. VanCleave, a transplant from Hinds County, first worked in unloading farming and charcoal-burning products at his wharf on Fort Bayou. He later built a general store there, and the area eventually became known as VanCleave. The name persists to this day.

D.D. Cowan, elected as VanCleave's successor as mayor, had been a school teacher at the time he was voted into office. He later became the county's superintendent of education.

At one time, Ocean Springs was known for both its pecan and citrus industries. Now, the city boasts a number of historical claims, including being the site of Fort Maurepas and the residence of artist Walter Inglis Anderson.

Moss Point

Once called Mossey Point by loggers on the Pascagoula River and East Pascagoula by others, the town was designated Moss Point in 1867 when a post office was built there. In the late 1800s, Moss Point was the largest pine lumber export center in the nation. Even after that distinction was taken over by Gulfport in the early 1900s, Moss Point continued to ship lumber to Gulfport by barge until the mid-1940s.

The town officially incorporated in 1901. Appropriately enough for a logging town, the first mayor was named Charles H. Wood. Moss Point was the first and only city in the state to be incorporated as a city before being chartered as a town, because the city's population at incorporation was just over 3,000.

In 1911, Moss Point began shipping some of its lumber to Sweden, where it was made into pulp and

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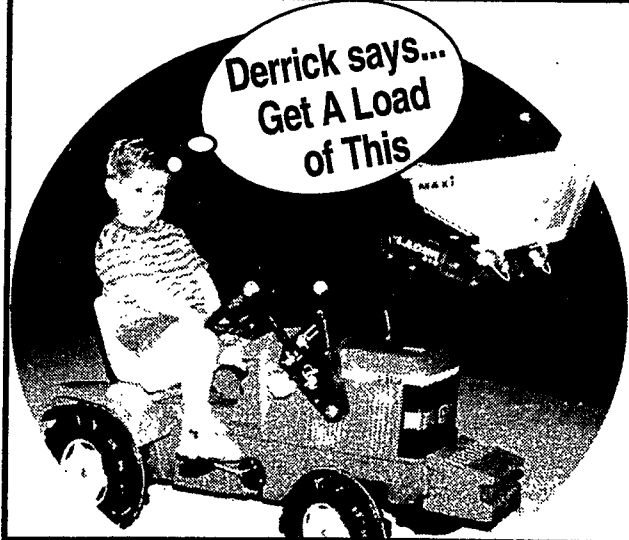
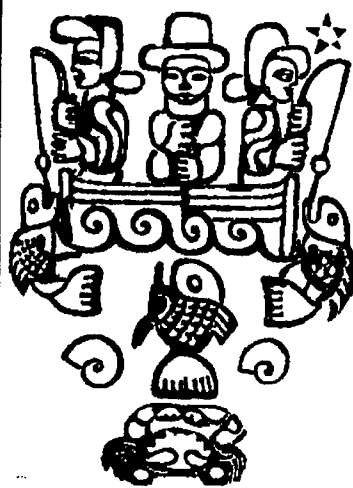
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shipped back. Back at its point of origin, the pulp was made into paper. The first papermill using southern pine pulp was built in 1912 just outside Moss Point's city limits. First called Kreole Kraft because of the paper's color, the mill later became known as Kreole. Today, it is International Paper Company.

During World War I, the area's lumber industry brought in new growth as the government began building cargo ships for war use. These "Liberty Vessels" used heart pine from local mills and oak trees in their construction. However, Armistice ended the newfound prosperity. The two new shipyards and most of the new workers' houses were dismantled.

Pascagoula

Pascagoula was named for its first inhabitants, the Pascagoula Indians. For a while, though it was named Scranton, after a railroad surveyor. However, in 1917, Pascagoula became the official designation.

The Scranton name does live on, though, in the Scranton Floating Museum at the Pascagoula River Park. The 70-foot shrimp boat offers visitors a view of life at sea.

The town of Pascagoula was founded in the early 1700s as a German settlement of a French land grant. A Mme. Chaumont sent her nephew, Colonel De La Pointe to settle her grant along the Pascagoula River. He took some 300 German colonists with him.

Once there, De La Pointe built Old Spanish Fort, made of local materials ... oyster shells, mud and moss ... to withstand Indian attack. The fort later became Kreb's Fort, after De La Pointe's daughter married an Alsatian nobleman, Baron Frans von Krebs. The fort is still open to the public.

The town remained small until the 1870s, when Fernandez Gautier arrived and built a plantation and sawmill. The modern town of Gautier is named after the New Orleanian, and had its start as a suburb of Pascagoula.

Shipbuilding is now a major industry for the city. Ingalls Shipbuilding is one of the nation's prime constructors of naval ships.

Gulfport

Incorporated in 1898, Gulfport has a feel and flavor different from that of its neighboring cities. Founded as a railroad and port town, Gulfport's history is that of a business city rather than a resort, or even industrial area.

Captain Joseph T. Jones was the driving force behind Gulfport's establishment. He wanted to build a port city to take advantage of the virgin pine forests to the north.

Considered an "upstart" by its long-established neighbors, Gulfport grew to fill in an overlooked, sandy, marshy area between Biloxi and Pass Christian.

However, Jones wasn't the first to think of running a railroad from Jackson south to the harbor opposite Ship Island. William H. Hardy of Meridian voiced the idea some 20 years earlier, and another group had considered the concept in the 1830s, with Mississippi City being the railroad's southern terminus. The Civil War put an end to the original thinkers' plans.

Hardy, who had earlier completed a rail line from Meridian to New Orleans, including a bridge over Lake Pontchartrain, started work on the railroad and even came up with the name of Gulfport, but abandoned the project when government and other problems interfered.

Hardy did live to see Gulfport become a reality, though; he died in 1917, some years after Jones started his work in building the city. Gulfport owes a good bit of its road design to Hardy, who laid out the streets and avenues 80 to 120 feet in width, with large, grass-filled medians. Many of the streets today still reflect this.

Before Gulfport burst into life, Mississippi City and Handsboro, to the east of the new town, had been the area's main port and business center. However, Gulfport quickly became the coast's primary port, and eventually annexed the two older towns.

Jones, ever ambitious, almost literally built the city of Gulfport. He called for Gulfport to replace Mississippi City as the county seat in 1902, and continually created companies to supply the city's needs. He founded a hotel and bank, donated land for a courthouse, bought up street privileges held by another company and donated them to the city, took personal supervision of the G&S railroad, and helped organize the Gulfport Yacht Club.

Jones even ramrodded the creation of the harbor at Gulfport and the dredging of the ship channel, and built a trolley line that ran from Biloxi to Pass Christian. Today, Coast Transit Authority's Beachcomber trolley is a symbol of and tribute to Jones.

Although incorporated in 1898, Gulfport had residents before that time. Grasslawn, the city's official Hospitality House, was one of the earliest homes built. Owned by Dr. Hiram Alexander Graham Roberts and used as his summer residence, Grasslawn is one of the oldest homes still standing, although Roberts' sister-in-law and her husband, Gen. and Mrs. Samuel Cavit, are said to have built the town's first home near Grasslawn.

Grasslawn has had many influential owners, including Finley B. Hewes, Gulfport's first mayor; and John K. Milner, who later became the owner of the Coca Cola Bottling Company. His son, Joseph W. Milner, was also a Gulfport mayor, serving for 25 years, the longest time in office of any mayor in the city's history.

Gulfport, now home of the Naval Construction Battalion Complex, also served as the site of its predecessor, the U.S. Naval Training Camp. The camp location had started out as the site for the Mississippi Centennial Exposition.

The State Legislature had named the young Gulfport as the Exposition's host town in 1912, and construction had begun on several buildings for that event. However, in 1917, when hostilities broke out between the U.S. and Germany, the Exposition Committee donated the buildings as an emergency training camp. After the war, the buildings were converted into a veterans' hospital.

As the city continued to grow, it saw a waxing and waning of its timber shipping industry, the growth of the seafood industry, the construction of the seawall in the 1920s, the four-laning of Hwy. 90, and the establishment

of the sand beach in the 1950s.

Today, Gulfport is known for its retail trade, industrial/manufacturing businesses and government installations, as well as its seafood and shipping industries, tourist trade and, most recently, its numerous casinos.

Long Beach

Once known as Bear Point, Long Beach has undergone a number of name changes since it was originally mapped out and named by an Englishman in 1774. Joseph Nicholas de L'Adner was the town's earliest resident, having moved ashore after a hurricane destroyed his home on Cat Island. He and his family built a home at Bear Bayou near Gulf Park College.

The L'Adner home, having a chimney at each end, gave the city its second name, "The Chimneys", because the L'Adners' chimneys remained standing after the home burned in the early 1800s, and served as navigational markers for sailors on schooners.

Pitcher's Point, near the Long Beach-Pass Christian border, highlights the city's history as a haven for pirates. Apparently, in the early 1800s a certain Captain Pitcher laid a curse on Pitcher's Point that no one would ever find peace there again. He is said to have uttered the curse while being executed by fire by his own crew.

Today, Pitcher Point Avenue and a state historical marker are the only reminders of the area's past, but none of the ventures started in that area have remained. A school, motel and home were all destroyed by either fire or hurricane, and a subdivision named Pitcher's Point was all but obliterated during Hurricane Camille.

Even with the curse on Pitcher's Point, settlers were coming into the area, including John Johnson McCaughan, a Yazoo City native, who bought up much of what is now Long Beach, chose the future site of Gulf Park College and built a beautiful home he named "Rosalia". Since McCaughan owned most of the town at the time, and since he did an excellent job of promoting the area, the city's next name became Rosalia.

McCaughan is one of the reasons the Friendship Oak at Gulf Park is still alive and well. He liked the tree so much that he fertilized it ... with dead sharks!

The city escaped mostly unscathed from the Civil War until 1870, when the completion of the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad changed the city's name once again, this time to Scott's Station, for George Scott, who donated the land. The railroad shifted business activity to the area north of the shore, and birthed the city's truck farming industry.

In 1882, the city acquired its current name, Long Beach, from James and Woods Thomas, brothers who platted the town and named it for the long, sloping beachfront.

James Thomas contacted an old friend in Tennessee, William J. Quarles, and told him about Long Beach. Quarles visited, liked what he saw, and moved his family, cattle and all, to the town.

He later opened the town's first store, then became Long Beach's first official postmaster. He also started the first school in his home. Today, Quarles Elementary School honors his contribution to local education.

Quarles is also attributed with the

construction of Jeff Davis Avenue, the town's main street.

By 1893, tourism was beginning to make an impact on Long Beach, with two waterfront hotels operating. In 1905, the town was incorporated; J.M. Whitten was the first mayor.

The city's truck farming industry, started by Quarles and Thomas, had started to flourish because of the popularity of radishes in saloons. By 1921, though, the industry had reached its peak, and began to decline.

Other industries also grew, prospered and waned with the changing times, but the "Friendly City" of Long Beach has maintained its hospitable atmosphere throughout the years.

Pass Christian

Two towns along the Coast have nicknames that have almost supplanted their original names with local resi-

dents. Pass Christian and Bay St. Louis are referred to in conversation by most folks as "The Pass" and "The Bay". Pass Christian, though, once was known by another nickname, "The Aristocrat of the Coast".

The home of the South's first and the nation's second yacht club, this resort town was first chartered by Europeans when d'Iberville and Bienville explored the area. The story behind the town's name is that a Christian L'Adner named the north pass of a channel in the Sound after himself, while his brother, Marianne, named the south pass. However, the brothers are not mentioned in d'Iberville's logs. Julius J. Hayden Jr., who wrote a history of the town, feels the name came from Nicholas Christian of New Orleans, a ship's carpenter with a sawmill on Bayou St. John.

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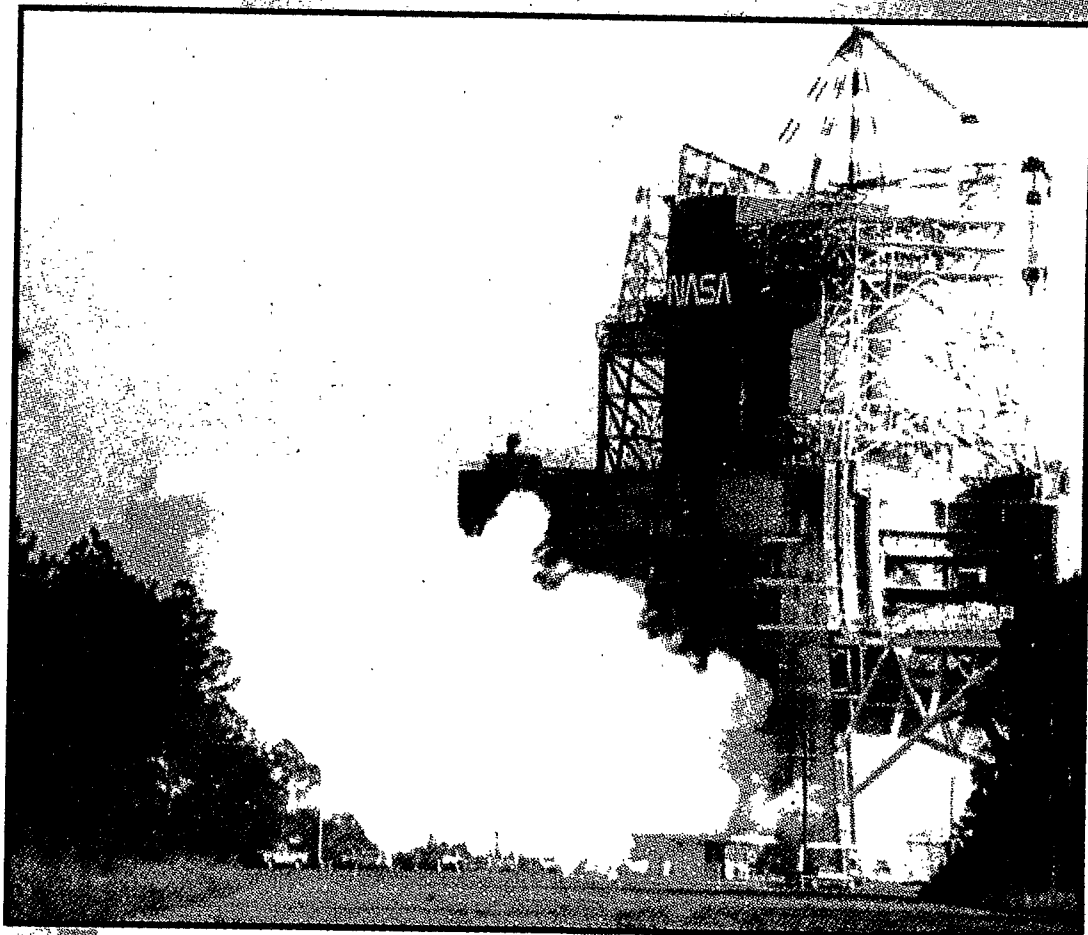
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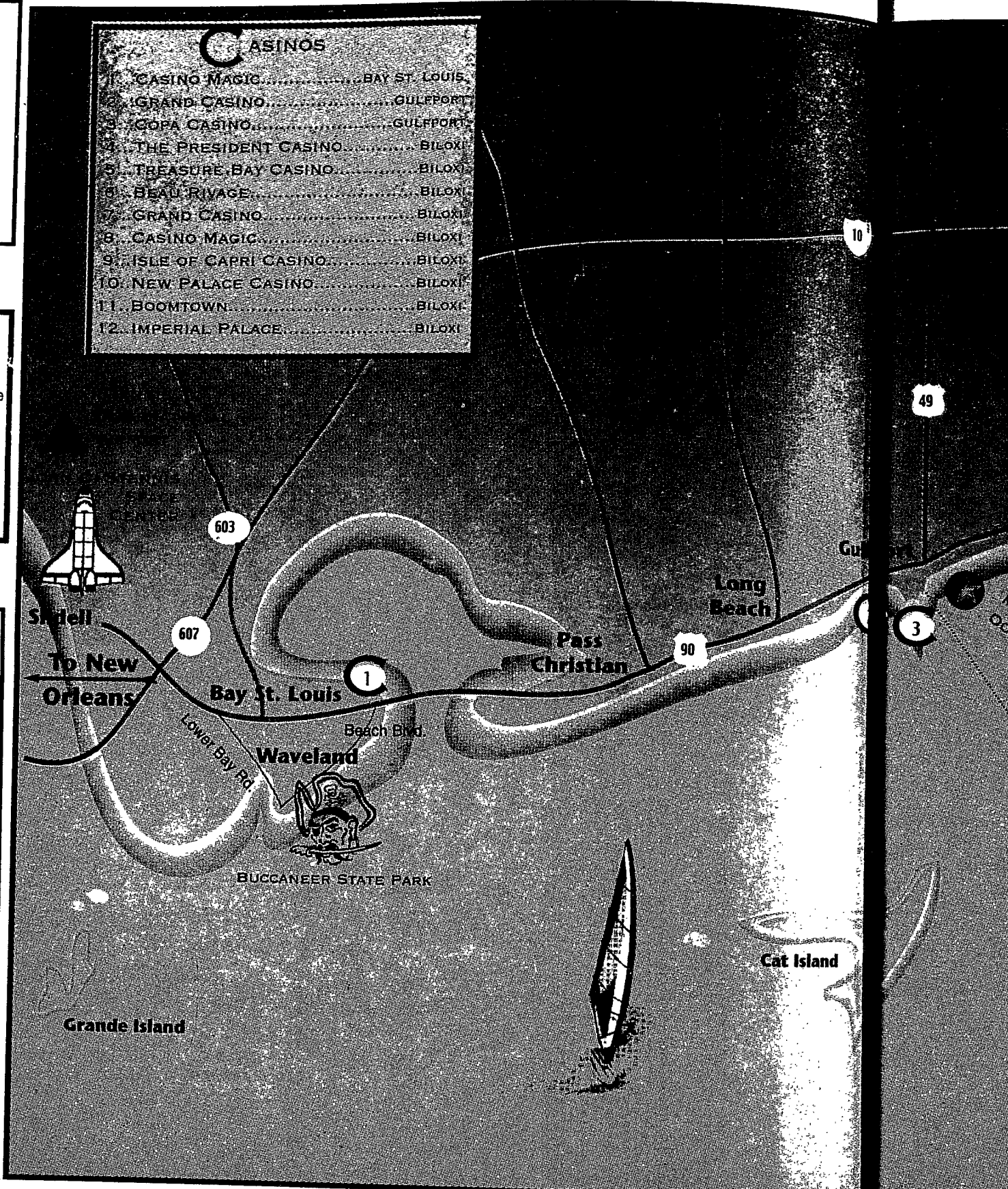
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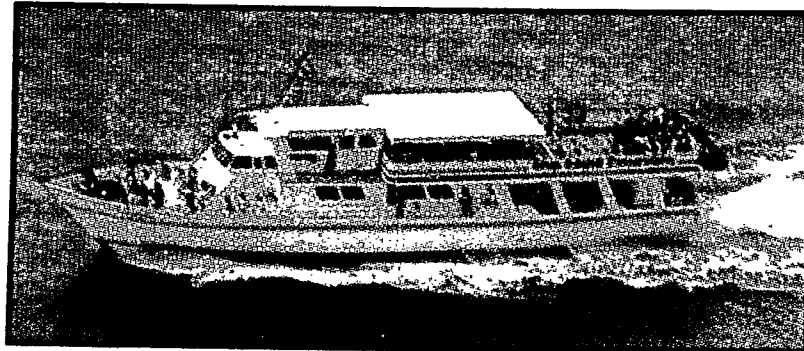
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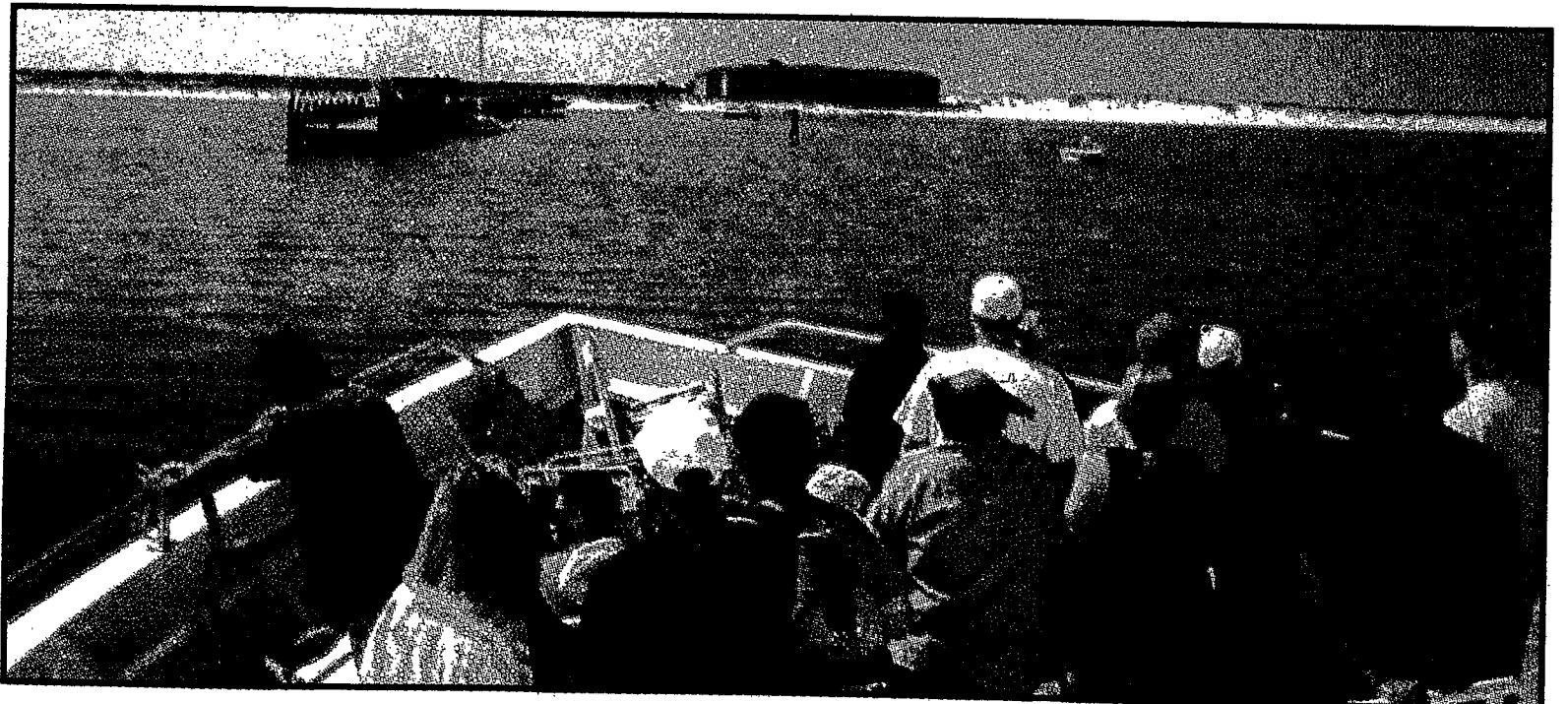


seen surfacing alongside the boats.

Travel to a place of exceptional natural beauty, home of historic Fort Massachusetts, on the northeastern Gulf of Mexico, just 12 miles off the Coast in Gulfport.

The Army Corps of Engineers built Fort Massachusetts in 1859-1866. The fort is a premier example of the skilled masonry and engineering associated with the United States last system of coastal forts. The fort which was occupied by Confederate soldiers during the Civil War, and island are protected as a part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore.

The island features white sandy beaches for walking, bird watching and combing



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The naming of DeLisle, north of Pass Christian, can be accounted for, though. The Comte de L'Isle, one of Bienville's lieutenant's, named a number of the area's landmarks, including Bayou DeLisle.

The first known resident of Pass Christian as John B. Saucier, who settled there around 1712. Although a few other families moved in later, not much activity was recorded until the 1830s. Then, New Orleanians and upland residents started noticing the town and realized its resort potential. The Pass was incorporated in 1838, and Finley Hiem was the first mayor.

John Henderson, Charles Shipman and David M. Hughes developed most of the town's land for summer homes and hotels, which brought in some 1,500 to 2,000 visitors in 1849 and 1850 alone. Henderson Point on the west end of the town is named after John Henderson.

Lucienne Labranche built the city's oldest standing house, Ballymere. Other structures followed, and by 1851, the town had two hotels and some 60 other summer residences.

The Southern Yacht Club, now located in New Orleans, was organized in 1849 at Montgomery's Hotel when a group of New Orleanians came through with their cabin sloop on the way to Mobile. Their host at the hotel promised them a race if they stopped again on the return trip, so they did. The yacht club emerged from the race. Today, the Pass Christian Yacht Club is still a very active member of the local sailing scene.

Between the time of its founding and the Civil War, Pass Christian was the Coast's major trading center. When the war started, though, the town found itself under fire. In April 1862, 1,200 Union troops invaded.

After the war, the town's economic emphasis shifted from trading to tourism, with the advent of the railroad in 1870. Now, in addition to New Orleanians and other Gulf area visitors, the town started to see an influx of visitors from the north, and more hotels were built.

By the turn of the century, Pass Christian had become known not only for its tourist attractions, but for the oystering industry and the beautiful homes on Scenic Drive, many of which are still standing despite numerous hurricanes.

President Woodrow Wilson was one of many famous people attracted to the town, and he enjoyed a long stay at the "Dixie White House", one of the town's oldest homes, in 1913. Author Dorothy Dix also alit in The Pass, but she stayed and bought a home.

Although none of the town's hotels, the last of which was destroyed by Hurricane Camille, were ever rebuilt, Pass Christian remains a favorite weekend and summer spot for visitors, as well as home for its population of 6,000. Its annual Mardi Gras parade and Seafood Festival are two of the area's biggest tourist draws, and the Yacht Club hosts two regattas each year, the Knost and the Frostbite. The Garden Club's annual Spring Pilgrimage and Arts and Craft Festival in March gives visitors a chance to step back into the town's splendid past, and the Pass Christian Isles Golf Club hosts an Italian Open tournament each spring that attracts serious and not-so-serious golfers.

Bay St. Louis

Jean Baptiste Bienville originally named Bay St. Louis in August of 1699 after King Louis IX of France. The first European settlers, moving into the area later that year, enjoyed friendly relations with the Choctaws already living there. In 1721, a Madame de Mezieres sent some 30 people to the area of what is now Felicity Street to settle a 17,000 acre land grant she received from King Louis XIV.

After the French and Indian War, the Bay St. Louis settlement was given to England in 1763. Following the American Revolution, Spain was given the area in 1793.

Thomas Shields, who received a Spanish land grant on the shore of the bay almost a century after Bienville's landing, began cultivating in 1800, and his grant became known as Shieldsborough. The town was originally incorporated under that name in 1858. However, the town was again incorporated in 1875, this time as Bay St. Louis.

By that time, the town had been in the United States for 64 years, Hancock County for 63, and the state of Mississippi for 58 years. Bay St. Louis, at the time of incorporation under its present name, already had a good reputation as a resort town. The Civil War had but little effect on the town.

Since Louisiana had outlawed dueling around 1870, Bay St. Louis became a popular site for New Orleanians with quarrels to shoot it out. The town is the location of Mississippi's last documented duel, which occurred in April of 1874.

Bay St. Louis has, almost from its start, been a popular weekend and summer haunt for New Orleanians. By the turn of the century, the town boast-

ed several hotels and summer "cottages", as well as a health resort, an opera house and a vineyard. Even today, many visitors are from the neighboring state, as well as many transplanted residents.

Bay St. Louis was the site of the first Hancock bank, founded in 1899 as Hancock County Bank, and the location of one of the coast's oldest newspapers, The Sea Coast Echo, established in 1891. Since its beginning, the Echo has missed publishing only two issues. The Bay also can claim the coast's first seawall.

Today, Bay St. Louis remains a favorite tourist spot, and has gained a reputation as an art and antiques colony. The city's annual Art Tour attracts thousands of visitors each fall.

Waveland

Waveland was a part of Shieldsborough until March 1888, when it was chartered and elected L.H. Fairchild as its first mayor. An established summer retreat, Waveland is populated by descendants of the original French and Spanish settlers, as well as residents who have moved from New Orleans and other metropolitan areas.

The town's first major business was Ulman's Woolen Mill in the 1880s. Sheep raising was a big business on the coast at the time, and the shepherds would come down from the area north of the Sound once a year to trade wool and hides in Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian. When the sheep raising industry fell after a few years, Ulman's Woolen Mill also died.

One of Waveland's claims to fame was the "Pirate House", built in 1802 by a New Orleanian of dubious repute. Some believed him to be pirate Jean Lafitte. The house was destroyed in Camille, but its story lives on in local history.

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Diamondhead

Diamondhead was founded in 1970 as a resort community whose name and street names were based on Hawaii's Diamond Head. The area didn't really take off for several years, though, and once it did, it was seen primarily as a retirement community.

All that has changed over the last few years. Now, Diamondhead is known as one of the fastest growing communities on the coast. Its population, at last count, exceeds Pass Christian's, and the area has its own shopping center, hotel, restaurants, fire department, security staff, yacht club, country club (with two golf courses), recreation centers with pools (one with a ball field), and small craft airport.

Today, Waveland is the site of Buccaneer State Park, probably named for Lafitte. The park is an ideal campsite and picnic ground, facing the beach in Waveland. The park's Wave Pool attracts visitors of all ages.

A short distance west of Waveland is NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center, where shuttle engines are tested and many important government subcontractors are located. Stennis Visitors Center provides a look at the nation's space program.

North of Waveland, near Kiln (named for the ovens where the original French settlers burned charcoal to sell), is the Stennis International Airport. The airport includes a landing site for private and charter planes, and has seen a major increase in activity in recent years.

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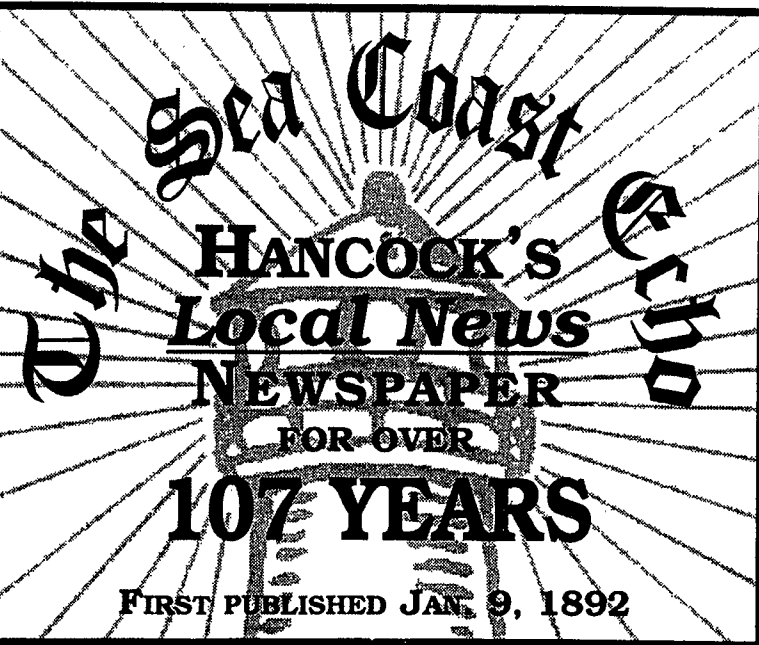
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The exhibits of the J.L. Scott Marine and Education Center and Aquarium provide educational and interesting information for the whole family on the Mississippi Coastal environment and its inhabitants.

Established in 1972 by the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory of Ocean Springs, the center was designed to illustrate the transition from freshwater to saltwater habitats in the natural environment.

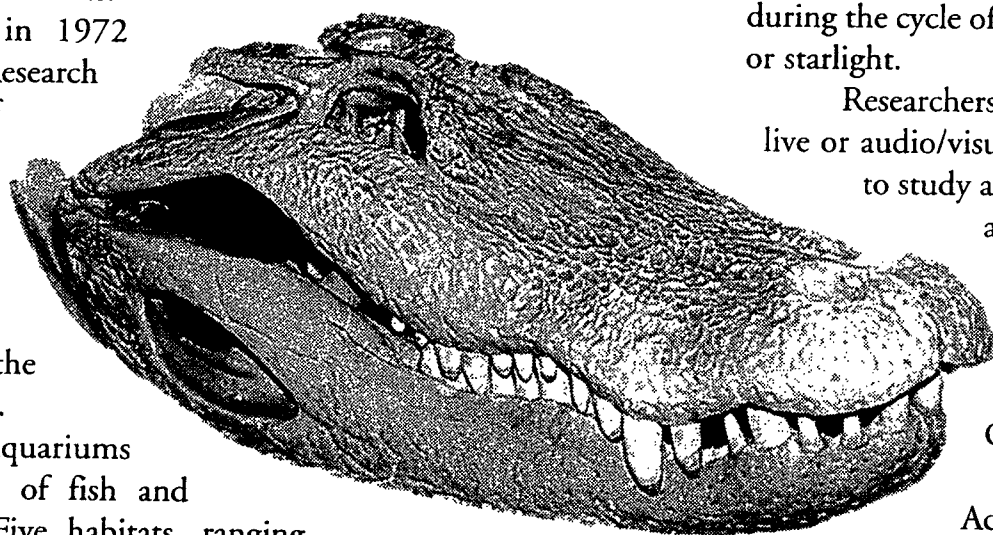
Twenty-six aquariums exhibit a multitude of fish and their companions. Five habitats, ranging from fresh water to open Gulf of Mexico, are displayed in a neat clover-leaf arrangement and grouped by habitat.

Visitors are greeted by a glass-enclosed Vivarium with a backdrop of a sunlit marshland and a murky swamp, where several marsh and swamp species, including snakes, turtles, and other small creatures live.

Walk through the unique and interesting exhibit with animals swimming all around. Educational as well as entertaining, the center provides interesting facts about life in the Gulf of Mexico waters.

A selection of native species lives in the central 37-foot diameter Gulf of Mexico tank, which holds some 42,000 gallons of water. Smaller aquarium tanks, representing fresh water, salt water, shallow water and inland area creatures, are arranged around the central tank in a cloverleaf pattern.

A special lighting system above the aquariums is controlled by timers to simulate underwater levels of light



during the cycle of the day, early morning, midday, dusk and moonlight or starlight.

Researchers work in observation labs off the lobby. Scheduled live or audio/visual presentations in the 300-seat theatre are available to study and enjoy. The center also houses an information desk and gift shop in the lobby.

The center is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors age 65 and up, \$2.50 for children ages 3-17 and children under 3 are free. Call 374-5550 for more information.

The J.L. Scott Marine and Education Center and Aquarium is located on Highway 90 at the west end of the Biloxi Bay Bridge in Point Cadet, Biloxi.



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Walter Anderson Museum of Art

The Walter Anderson Museum of Art, located in historic downtown Ocean Springs, houses two main galleries which feature collections of local artist, Walter Inglis Anderson.

Anderson, a New Orleans native, who grew up on the Gulf Coast, is famous for his unique depictions of the coastal region.

Murals executed by Anderson in 1935-36 fill the gallery, with its 30-ft ceilings and skylights, to remind one of early Mesopotamian and Egyptian art.

The West Gallery hosts a changing collection of his work. The East Gallery hosts

There is no charge for children under six. Group tour rates are available if sche-

duled in advance. Arrangements can also be made for special events.

The WAMA, located at 510 Washington Avenue, is open Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 1 p.m.-5 p.m. For more information call 872-3164.

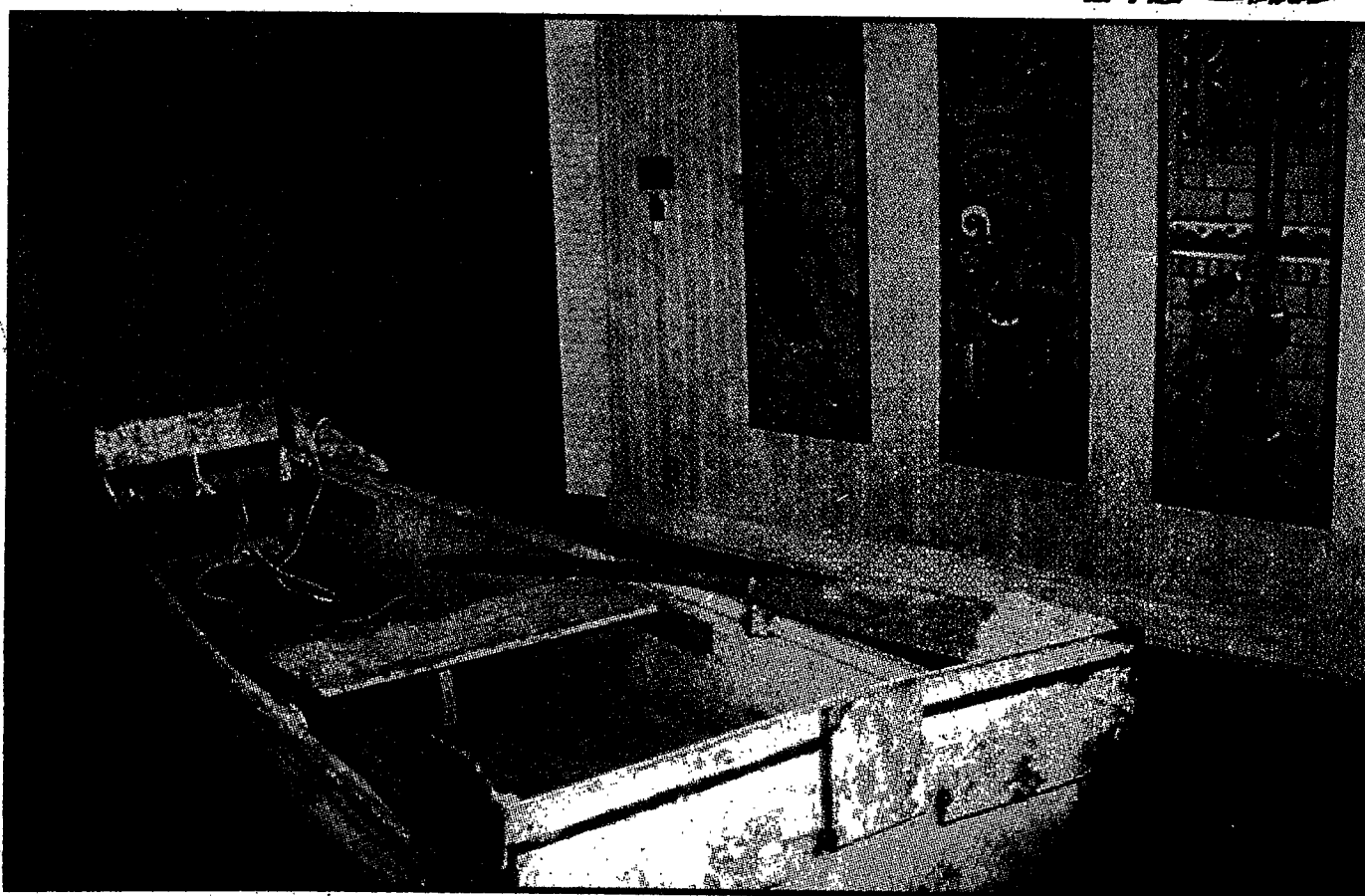


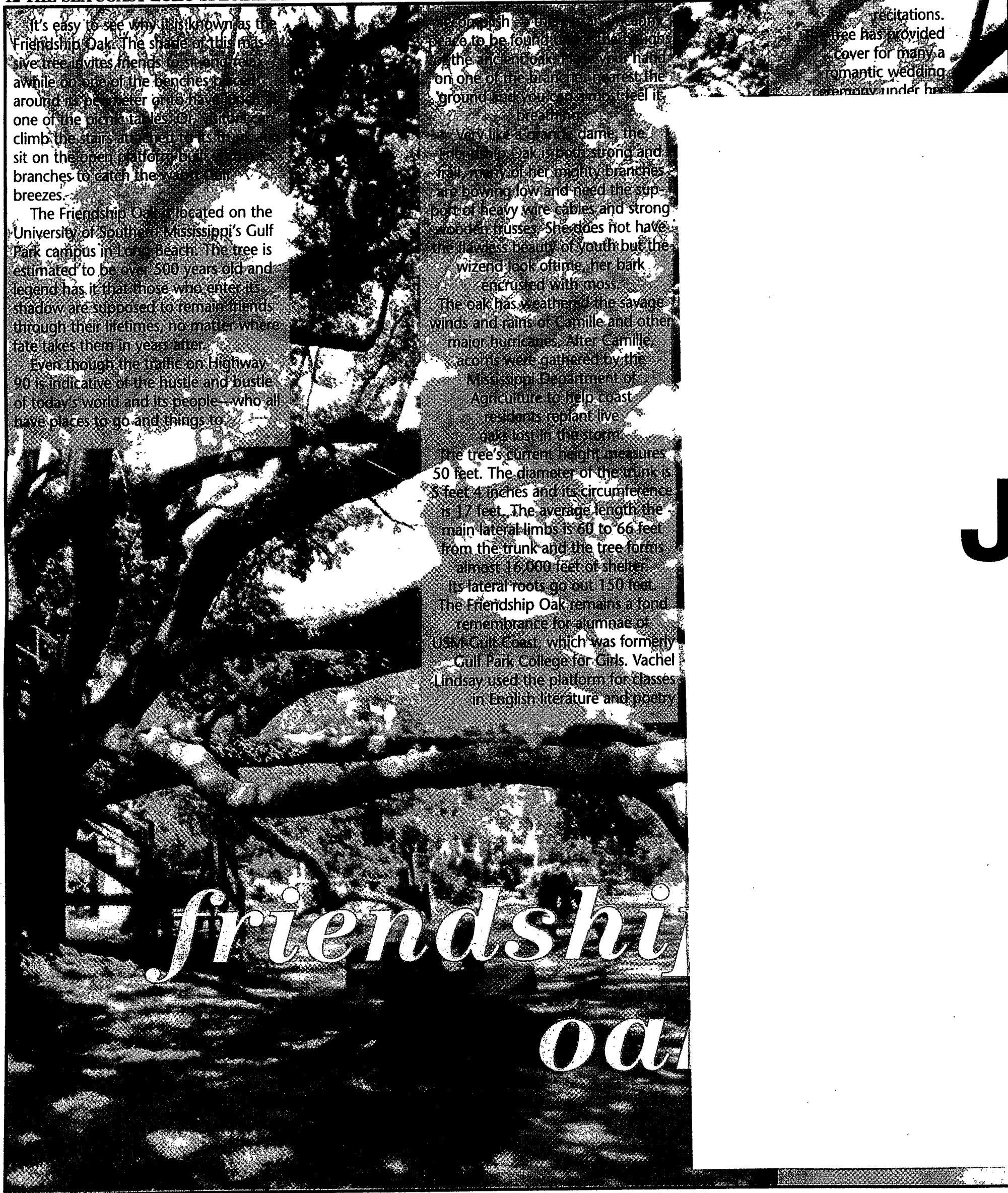
changing collections on loan from other museums and private collections which are important to the contemporary art scene or significant to art history.

The WAMA, which first opened in May 1991, also serves as a functional link between the murals depicting the history of Ocean Springs entitled "Seven Climates of the Coastal Areas," painted in 1950-51 on the Community Center Walls and "Creation at Sunrise" found in the "Little Room."

The museum also houses a gift shop and non-circulating library. Lectures, gallery talks, art demonstrations, concerts, films, and tours for all ages are also a part of the museum's programs.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors age 55 and over, \$2 for children ages 6-18, \$3 for college students, and \$4 for AAA members and active military.





It's easy to see why this is known as the Friendship Oak. The shade of this massive tree invites friends to sit on a bench awhile or one of the benches built around its perimeter or to have a picnic on one of the picnic tables. Or, you can climb the stairs and sit on the open platform built into the branches to catch the warm summer breezes.

The Friendship Oak is located on the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park campus in Long Beach. The tree is estimated to be over 500 years old and legend has it that those who enter its shadow are supposed to remain friends through their lifetimes, no matter where fate takes them in years after.

Even though the traffic on Highway 90 is indicative of the hustle and bustle of today's world and its people—who all have places to go and things to do—the Friendship Oak is a place where you can find peace and tranquility. The tree has been a place to be found for many years, and it is one of the oldest oaks in the area. It has been on one of the planet's nearest the ground and you can almost feel its breath.

Like a wise old dame, the Friendship Oak is both strong and frail. Many of her mighty branches are bowing low and need the support of heavy wire cables and strong wooden trusses. She does not have the flawless beauty of youth but the wizened look of time, her bark encrusted with moss.

The oak has weathered the savage winds and rains of Camille and other major hurricanes. After Camille, acorns were gathered by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture to help coast residents replant live oaks lost in the storm.

The tree's current height measures 50 feet. The diameter of the trunk is 5 feet 4 inches and its circumference is 17 feet. The average length the main lateral limbs is 60 to 66 feet from the trunk and the tree forms almost 16,000 feet of shelter. Its lateral roots go out 150 feet.

The Friendship Oak remains a fond remembrance for alumnae of USM Gulf Coast, which was formerly Gulf Park College for Girls. Vachel Lindsay used the platform for classes in English literature and poetry recitations. The tree has provided cover for many a romantic wedding ceremony under her shade.

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